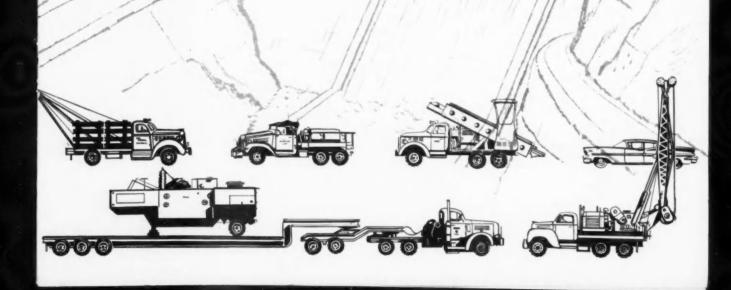
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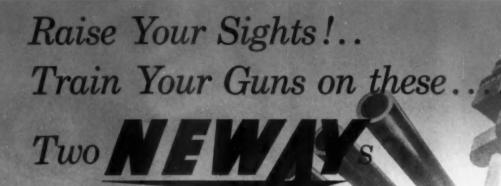
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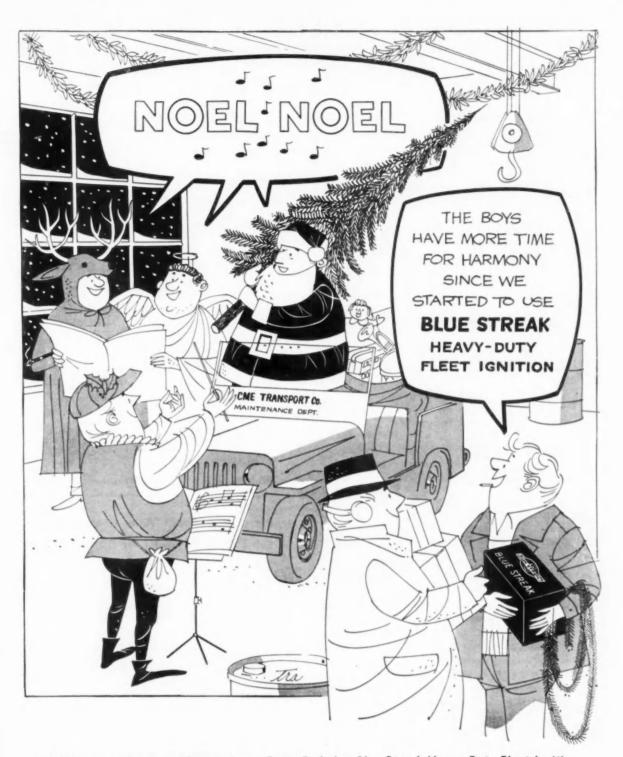
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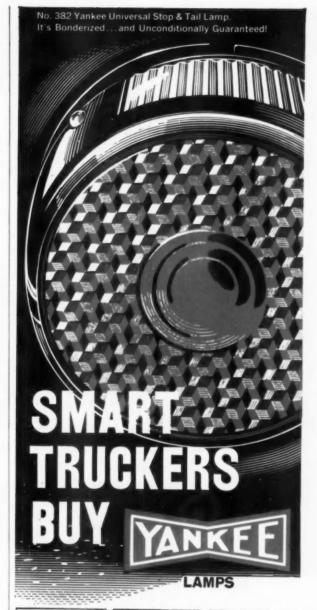
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#### Are You an Average Guy?

H AROLD L. SMITH came to our town last month. There was no special fanfare, no Mayor's committee of welcome. But after his visit a lot of folks are thinking deeply about the problems of highway safety.

The story begins about 1946, when Harold Smith founded the Institute of Driver Behaviour in Detroit. It was dedicated to making "people" better drivers. But Smith soon found that "people" meant 79 million licensed drivers. He couldn't reach them all, so he started concentrating on fleets. We reported on the fantastic results he achieved in one of them—Hess Cartage Co. of Detroit—in our December, 1957, issue.

Since then Mr. Smith has been sponsored full time by the Ford Motor Co. He offers a series of 40-hour, one-week courses to fleet safety directors and driver trainers. Ford foots the bill, you get the course free.

In brief outline the Smith System has a basic premise and a basic plan.

The premise: The nation's 79 million drivers produce 10 million accidents a year. One per cent of these drivers are the habitual offenders, accounting for 15 per cent of all accidents. Fortunately, they are the easiest to reach through proper detection and enforcement procedure.

Another three per cent are the experts—driving a lifetime without an accident. That leaves 96 per cent of all drivers accounting for 85 per cent of all accidents. Their batting average—and get this—is one accident every seven years. There are a lot of us in this category and we're the guys that Smith is after.

The plan: Teach these average Joes to use their eyes properly with these basic rules:

- 1. Aim eyes high in steering
- 2. Get the big picture
- 3. Keep your eyes moving
- 4. Leave yourself an out
- Make sure "the other guy" sees you.
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Just remembering these five rules can make anyone a better driver. But the course itself does a lot more. In our book, it's a chance you better not miss.

And here's a parting thought. Several of us at the orientation lecture asked Mr. Smith how he got into this business in the first place. His answer was loaded.

For 18 months during World War II, Smith was on a Navy ship. Like all good sailors he never volunteered for anything until the day came to go ashore at Guam. It was long after the invasion and Guam had become the largest Naval supply base in the Pacific. Three miles inland he came to this sign:

"Drive carefully—383 of your buddies have been killed or seriously injured here in traffic accidents since the invasion."

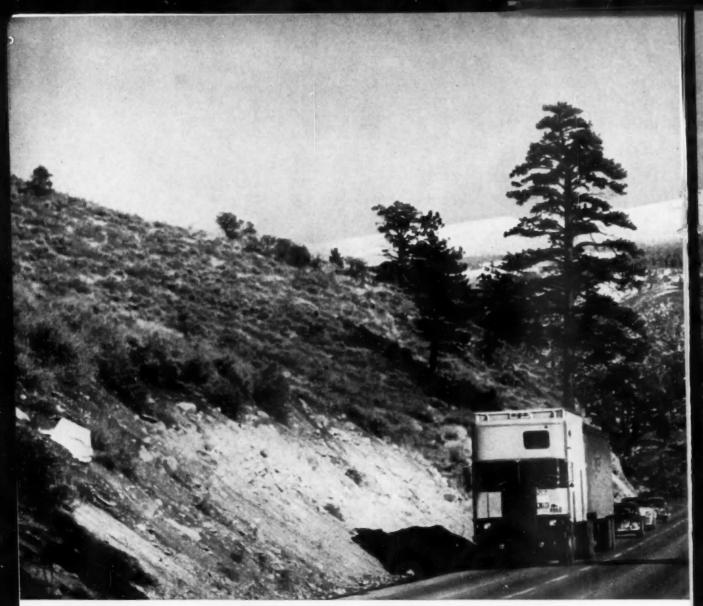
Smith formed a mental image of two communications.

The first was a letter home: "Hi, mom. I've been through Guadalcanal, Tarawa and Saipan. Now I'm 1000 miles from the enemy. For me the war is over."

A few days later came a telegram from the war department to the same mother: "We regret to inform you that your son has been killed in a traffic accident."

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TIMELY NOTES ON MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION Edited by Ed Shea, Technical Editor

#### Check That Heat Riser Valve

A HEAT RISER control or damper valve is incorporated into the exhaust manifold. It deflects hot exhaust gases around the cold intake manifold during engine warm-up. Proper operation of this control results in good performance and economy.

A valve frozen in the open position means slow warm-up, causing rich mixture and stalling. In some cases crankcase dilution may result.

When stuck in the closed position exhaust gases will be blocked and cause exhaust valve burning and poor high speed operation.

A thermostatic coil spring opens the valve as the engine warms-up. To see if valve is working as it should, rotate the counterweight on the heat riser shaft by hand. It should turn easily with just a slight manual pressure and return to its original position quickly when released.

Another test is to start the engine with a cold exhaust manifold and kick the throttle quickly. If the counter weight moves, valve can be considered okay. A rattling or buzzing noise during this test indicates shaft bushings are worn. If investigation reveals the shaft is frozen and not broken, apply a good commercial solvent to help dissolve the binding deposits. Many mechanics use a small hammer and gently tap the shaft on each end while applying the solvent.

#### Stop Annoying Gasoline Spray

RINGINE JOBS, valve jobs and others require removing the carburetor. Some of these jobs require turning the engine over from time to time. With the carburetor removed, gasoline spraying over the engine from the open gas line is a hazard. To overcome this, take an old carburetor needle seat, seal the hole with solder and install on open fuel line.

#### Check Ford Carburetor Choke

PORD REPORTS that on some 1958 Super Duty V-8 engines, interference may occur between the carburetor choke plate and air cleaner stud boss when the engine backfires with the choke closed. Force of the backfire unseats the choke plate, causing it to move downward and touch on the edge of air cleaner boss, thus

the choke is inoperative. Here's how to trouble shoot the problem:

With the choke completely closed, clearance between the air cleaner stud boss and the circular cut out in the choke plate should be at least 1/16 in. Should the clearance be less than 1/16 in., remove the choke plate and enlarge the circular cut out with a round file to obtain the required clearance.

#### Coolant Loss on Dodge

A RECENT Dodge Service Bulletin says that in mid-1958 the "L" series, single rocker, 315-cu in. engine used cap screws in place of studs to hold the exhaust manifold in place. Since the cap screws extend into the water jacket, they are sealed with a non-hardening type gasket cement. Should a cap screw become loose, it allows water to leak past the threads. If no leak is visable on the outside of manifold, it is possible for water to be leaking inside the manifold and going through the exhaust system and out the tail pipe.

Cap screws should be checked for tightness. If removed, recoat them with non-hardening gasket cement and replace. Water leaks at the exhaust manifold bolts are extremely hard to find because the coolant evaporates rapidly. Therefore, it is advisable to put some water soluable dye in the cooling system to help in finding a leak.

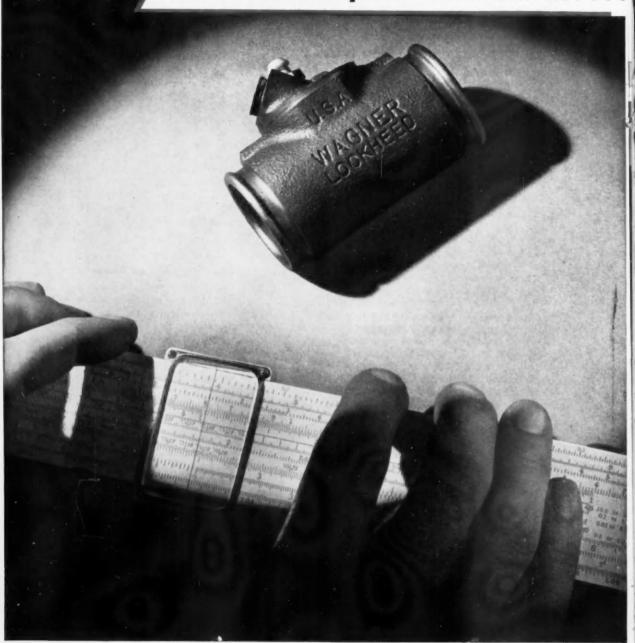
#### What Is Real Tire Cost?

LAST MONTH we received a welcome letter from Bob Douglas, well known maintenance director for Eastern Express, Inc. His ideas are worth thinking about. We suspect many other large carriers will agree with his viewpoint. In part the letter said:

"The series of tire articles in your September issue were certainly informative, interesting and well-presented. There are many things that effect tire cost per mile, and there are many things which can be accomplished that will reflect lesser cost. However, some of these things are impractical in a fleet operation. If it will cost more to effect the saving—which it does in many cases, we just do not do it.

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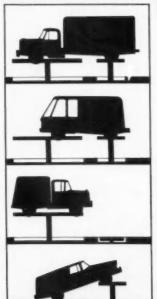
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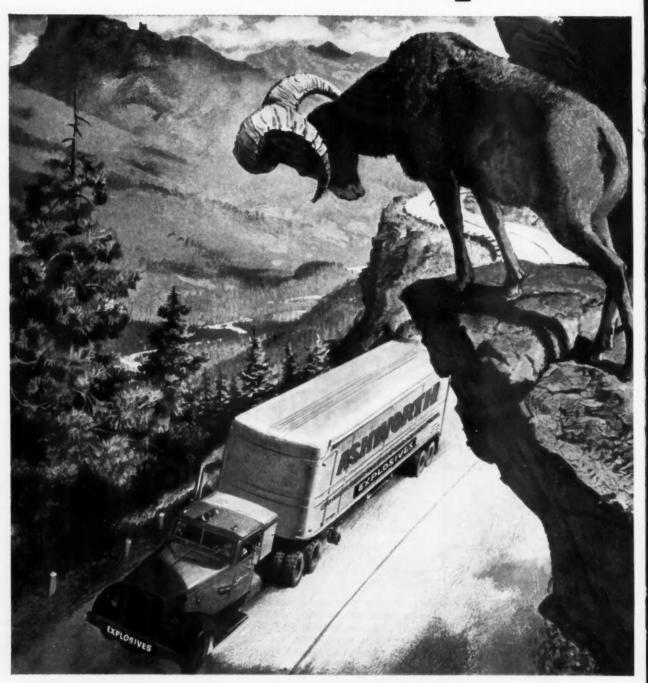
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#### "For instance, checking tire

pressures every day is burdensome, costly and accomplishes very little. If the tires are "bump" tested prior to each trip, soft tires are detected and changed. We feel that an actual air pressure test every two weeks is sufficient. In fact, when you check too often you sometimes get other difficulties such as unseated valve cores, lost valve caps and bad cap seals.

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#### "Recapping will always be

a problem. Many tires that pass a rigid inspection before they are recapped blow out after several miles of operation. The life factor of a tire carcass revolves around the number of times that carcass has flexed during its service life. But there is no way of counting the flexes. The flex failure point may come during the time of the original tread, or after several retreads. Here again, other factors prevail—such as tire size, air pressure, type of road, loads, rayon, nylon, or steel cords.

"The practice of removing tires for retreading when there is 2/32-in. tread depth remaining is poor practice and will result in higher cost per mile. It may be done as a safety factor to insure that a tire is not allowed to operate too far and become ruined for recapping. There are some tires that have very little under-base, and therefore recapping must be accomplished at this point.

#### "The average 100-level tire

with 2/32-in. tread depth remaining can be regrooved from 4/32 to 5/32 in. and many more safe miles achieved before recapping. In the heavy duty and super tires there is much more tread base. Such tires must be handled differently. If such tires were to be removed for retreading at the time the tread became smooth, all of the additional rubber placed there by the manufacturer in order to secure many thousands of additional miles, and for which there is a charge, would be lost—just thrown away.

"Tubeless tires are still a problem and controversial. Many fleets have had excellent success with them—others not so good. They must be better maintained than the tube tire, and have closer inspection for foreign objects in the tread. They have advantages, and disadvantages.

#### "Tire costs are always tricky.

When we hear about a cost of \$.0008, we fail to get excited. Investigation usually shows that such costs are based only on the cost of the tire, the retread and possibly section repairs.

"But actual tire cost, if they are to reflect an accurate picture, must include all related cost. This includes labor charges for repair, changing, mating, handling, road failures (including cost of service truck) and supervision. When you add all of these together the cost is usually something in the order of \$.001 per mile. This is somewhat of a standard.

#### "Of course, tire size will

also result in a marked cost differential. For example, when we adopted the 10.00 x 20 tire with our first maximum cube vans, we found tire cost increased 25 per cent. As a result, we are going back to 10.00 x 22 tires."

#### Taping Wires Made Easy

TAPING WIRES or a wire harness under the dash can be a difficult and time consuming job. In many cases, it is not possible to work with both hands under the dash. Here is a way to make the job easier: Take a starter bushing or some similar bushing and make a small roll of tape around it. Now you can retape burnt wires or harness assemblies with one hand very easily.

#### Ford Changes Wheel Cylinder Size

NINETEEN FIFTY-EIGHT FORD trucks Model Nos. F and B600 have front brake cylinder with 7/8-in. diameter bore. When time comes to replace these, Ford suggests a change in size. Recommendation is a 15/16-in. diameter cylinder. This, says Ford, gives more even braking between front and rear wheels. If you make the change, don't forget both front wheels must be done at same time.

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#### Fleet Passenger Car Trade-In

SAM LEE of Lee Fleet Management, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, has some interesting comment on whether or not to trade in your passenger car fleet with the dealer or sell it outright. Says Lee . . .

"The question of whether to trade used cars to new car dealers or to sell them outright has divided fleet operators for many years. Most company owned fleets, not having facilities available for the disposal of used cars, have relied entirely on trading them to new car dealers. Leasing companies, on the other hand, have almost always sold their own used cars. This is interesting because it indicates that when a company's only source of income comes from the operation of a fleet of motor vehicles and its profit is determined solely by the prices it gets for used cars, that company will go right out into the used car market and sell its own used cars.

"The trade-in type of deal has taken several forms, each one having its own particular proponents. The old stand-by, of course, is the three bid basis where salesmen are told to get bids from three dealers. Another arrangement is the so-called "net cash difference" type of deal in which a dealer agrees to replace cars on a model for model basis at a predetermined net cash difference figure. Still another arrangement is to place business with new car dealers several months ahead of actual replacement time on a basis of a "sight unseen" appraisal on used cars.

"One of the most peculiar trade-in plans of all is based on some sort of notion that one can get a better deal by paying the dealer more money for his new car so that he will allow more for a used car. This 'You pay me more and I'll allow you more' idea, when carried to extremes, can only result in dealers putting pack upon pack as they did last year until no one knows the true list price of a new car. It was because dealers packed prices so ridiculously in order to overtrade that Congress found it necessary to enact the Monroney Price Labelling Law.

"Any given used car has only one value—what the public will pay for that car, reconditioned and ready for sale. So long as reconditioning costs and sales expense are about equal for the new car dealer who has taken the car in trade or the used car dealer who bought it at

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wholesale, any car should be worth the same to either one. Obviously then, the only way a new car dealer can pay more for a used car than it is worth is to sacrifice new car profit. If he has a lot of profit, he overallows. If he has little profit, he underallows. Giving a new car dealer more profit so that he can offer a higher tradein allowance is, more often than not, just trading dollars and seldom results in any savings to the fleet user. Not only does it not make sense from a standpoint of pure economics, it puts the new car on the books at a larger dollar amount and, therefore, creates higher interest costs.

"There have been a few times when there seemed to be some advantage in the trade-in deal but the advantage was always temporary and was only possible because someone else was "stuck" with the used car loss. This happened last year when many companies made deals with automobile dealers on which trade-in allowances were established long before new models came out. When the used car market turned "sour", though, and the gamble caught up with the dealers, they soon backed away from any further deals of this type. Fleet managers operating this way then found themselves in a position where they had no way of knowing what prices they could get for used cars and, as a result, were unable to intelligently budget replacement programs. Many took the course of least resistance—they merely stopped any further replacement purchases.

"As events turned out, the used car market soon underwent a sharp recovery from the drastic recession lows to which it had fallen and prices began going up. The recovery was phenomenal, with prices on the rise all through the rest of the year and still holding up. Those fleet managers who had been scared out of making further replacements soon found themselves running into high maintenance costs, keeping poor cars in operation at a time when used car markets were good and cars could have been replaced at very satisfactory figures. Because so many automobile dealers were badly "burned" last year, few of them are likely to go into the same "guess" deals this year-taking so fool-hardy a gamble to try to make \$50 or \$75-and those fleet buyers who have been depending on making deals of this type may again find that they have no way of knowing ahead of time just how they will come out on their replacement programs.

"Anyone will agree that trading used cars to new car dealers is the simple, easy way to dispose of them. Whether it is the way in which to get maximum prices while still obtaining a low purchase price on new vehicles, though, is something else again. Based on past experience we think few leasing companies would agree that the trade-in route is the most profitable route."



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A companion unit to the C-64 featuring side panels of horizontal corrugated aluminum. New quarter panel design provides for leakproof roof fastening.



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### Fuller Expands its Auxiliary Transmission Line

THE EXPANDED line of Fuller auxiliary transmissions now include 16 three-speed auxiliary units. Designed for use in the transport, logging, construction, mining and crane carrier industries, the new transmissions give a wide range of gearing options.

#### The new auxiliaries include

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splitting ratios, both underdrive and overdrive. Using these splitters, drivers can get maximum horsepower through a full range of vehicle speeds. In over-the-highway operations, Fuller says the extra gears permit faster schedules and better hill climbing ability. They also help drivers maintain a better pace in congested traffic.

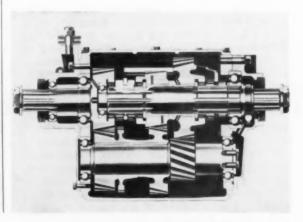
The new auxiliaries are offered in two basic series. For heavy-duty service, the 92 Series is available in eight different models for use with engines up to 920 cu in. displacement. Included are five new sets of gear ratios not formerly offered.

In the 65 Series, there are also eight models available for medium-heavy-duty service. Ratios vary from 0.74:1 to 1:1 in the high ratios and from 1.239:1 to 2.64:1 in the low ratios, with numerous variations in between.

#### Short overall length and

lightweight construction highlight the new auxiliaries. Fuller's Model No. 3-A-65, for instance, weighs 270 lb, measures slightly over 19 in. in length. In the heavy-duty series, Model No. 3-A-92 is 22 9/16 in. long, weighs 350 lb.

With the wide range of ratios available, the new auxiliaries give maximum flexibility both on and off-highway. Deep reductions, in combination with splitting ratios give a broader range of ratios to handle extreme grades and soft footing, yet still give splitting efficiency where it is needed in highway service and in congested traffic.



### Automatic Scale Speeds Weighing for Consolidated

ONSOLIDATED FREIGHTWAYS has installed a new automatic axle load weight control center at their loading dock in Seattle, Washington. The truck operator can now accurately check individual axle load weights without leaving the truck, and without requiring assistance from any other person.

#### The installation has

a 50,000 lb x 50 lb increment axle load scale with cabinet dial. Signal lights guide the driver onto the axle scale, then an illuminated "Scoreboard" shows him the axle load



weight in lighted numbers 10-in. high. All equipment was supplied by the Howe Scale Company, Rutland, Vermont.

Operation of the weight control center is automatic. The control light is green when the driver approaches the axle load scale.

#### As the axle moves onto

the scale, the light turns red and the driver stops. The weight on the axle is flashed on the scoreboard and indicated on the scale dial alongside the truck. The light turns green, the driver writes down the weight on the first axle, and moves ahead until the light turns red again. This procedure is repeated for successive axles, at which point the individual axle loads are checked for violations. If an overweight axle is discovered, the load is then re-distributed.

A remote printer is available for similar installations to furnish the driver with a printed record of his axle weights. He can pick up the ticket after he has completed the weighing operation and left the scale.



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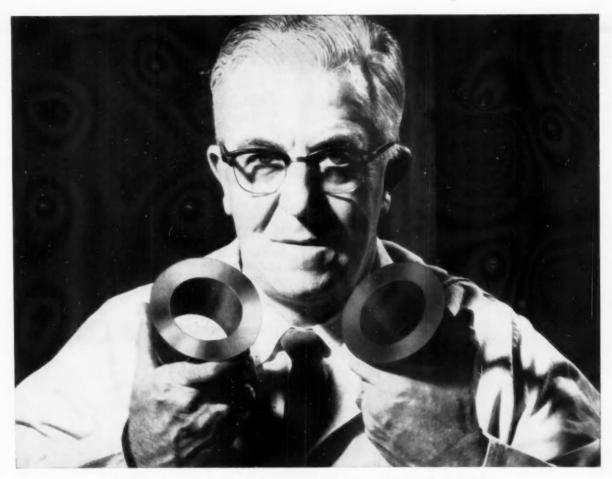
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If you picked the sleeve on the left, you're right! That shiny, "brand-new" look is the tip-off. It means the face has been reground, removing all or most of the case-hardening necessary for long, trouble-free wear.

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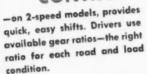
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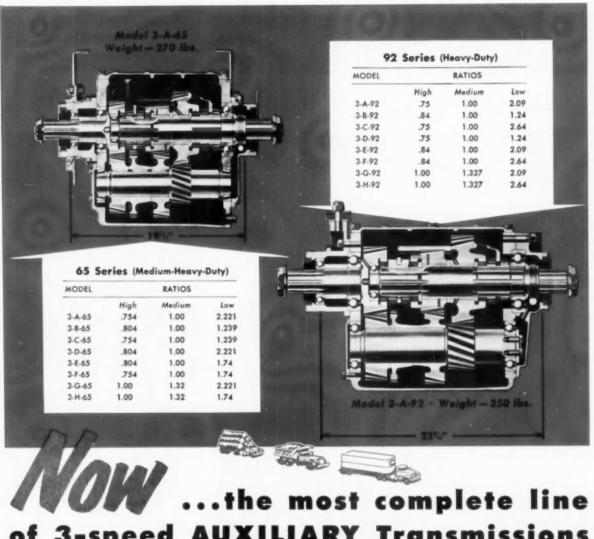
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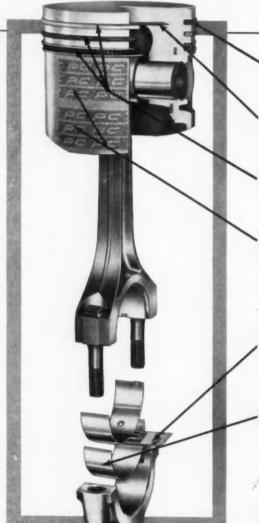
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#### DECEMBER 1958 FLEET HIGHLIGHTS AS REPORTED BY COMMERCIAL CAR JOURNAL

was biggest trucking industry activity last ATA CONVENTION was biggest trucking industry activity rast month. It marked the Association's 25th anniversary. Despite the festive atmosphere of Miami Beach, ATA's directors, governors and other key officials buckled down for a solid week of hard work. One of the big jobs: A new slate of officers. 1958's First Vice President E. W. Krause, who would normally move up to the presidency automatically, withdrew for personal reasons. This left the nominating committee with two top posts to fill. Its selections-for President-J. Robert Cooper of Red Star Transit, Detroit, and for Vice President-Welby M. Frantz of Eastern Express. Terre Haute, Ind.-were confirmed by the convention. Renamed Second Vice President was R. Stuart Moore of Los Angeles-Seattle Motor Express, Oakland, Cal. New Third Vice President is John J. Gill of Petroleum Heat & Power Co., Providence, R. I. Also re-elected were Fourth Vice President Griswold B. Holman of G. B. Holman & Co., Rutherford, N. J., Treasurer John M. Akers, of Akers Motor Lines, Gastonia, N. C., and Secretary Harry L. Gormley of Keystone-Lawrence Transfer, New Castle, Pa. Retiring President Guy W. Rutland, Jr., of Motor Convoy, Hapeville, Ga., moved up to ATA Board Chairman.

TAXES AND SAFETY WILL BE biggest issues in the next 20 years predicted ATA Managing Director John V. Lawrence. His report prompted adoption of two resolutions. One reviewed the pro and con of the need for increased highway use taxes (sure to be asked for when Congress meets in January). Conclusion was that no new fuel or use taxes are warranted at this time. Another resolution gave ATA's full support for a new federal highway safety research program. (It already has backing of the National Safety Council.) Legislation for this project is expected to be introduced in the coming Congress. Also approved was a new annual award to the "truck fleet safety supervisor judged to be outstanding in the nation."

OTHER CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS include . . . A challenging address by Interstate Commerce Commissioner Kenneth H. Tuggle on keeping pace with our growing economy—210 million people by 1970 . . . A tribute and plaque to the retiring chief of ICC's Bureau Motor Carriers W. Y. (Ben) Blanning . . . A welcome to his successor, Gen. Herbert Qualls . . . A bomb shell from Senator Warren G. Magnuson, Wash. (Chairman of the Senate's Interstate Commerce Committee), who said, "More and more I feel that common carriers are the most dependable and responsible form of transportation our country can have." The applause was as sharply divided as that for a strictly partisan speech in Congress! . . Approval to build a new \$2 million headquarters for ATA on P St. between 16th and 17th Sts. in Washington, D. C. (just behind the present building) . . . Authorization for a new Heavy Carriers Conference to meet needs of fleets primarily concerned with special permit loads.

#### **DETROIT DISPATCH**

CHARLES F. KETTERING died last month at the age of 82. Last job "Boss Ket" held before his retirement was Research Division head of GM. He's credited with a whole list of firsts—both in and out of the automotive field. Among them: the self-starter, an automotive ignition system, ethyl gasoline, the electric cash register, a medical fever machine.

REAR-MOUNTED TRANSMISSION IS coming. One major car maker is reported to have perfected such a unit, is going ahead with plans to introduce it on 1960 models.

TWO TRAILER "BUGS" ARE getting attention from ATA's Regular Route Common Carrier Conference. One complaint: Trailer supports are mounted with too little highway clearance. The other: Sliding tandems sometimes break or bend spring hangers.

"DEAD MAN" CONTROL FOR motor vehicles has been announced. It's a ring that fits almost flush with the steering wheel. Driver's hand on wheel keeps it flush. If he releases his grip, ring springs out to trip a switch that blows horn and applies hand brake automatically. It was developed in Italy, is not yet on the market.

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ST. LOUIS WILL have some 240 air conditioned buses in operation in 1959. St. Louis (Mo.) Public Service now has 140 equipped, plans 100 more next year. Interesting sidelight, the transit company—through its subsidiary PSC Automotive Maintenance Co.—is now a franchised dealer for Thermo King bus air conditioning equipment.

WHITE SIDEWALLS ARE going commercial. Greyhound has placed an order with Goodyear Tire & Rubber

#### **WASHINGTON WATCH**

**TAXES**—Highway use and excise—are due for debate in Congress next month. Report is a boost of  $1\frac{1}{2}\epsilon$  will be asked in gasoline tax. Opposing this are both American Trucking Assns. (see page 33) and American Automobile Assns. (see page 36).

HIGHWAY MONEY IS needed. In the three-month period July-Aug.-Sept. this year, Highway Trust Fund income from use taxes totalled slightly over \$570 million. Highway expenditures from the Fund in the same period reached \$663 million. Fund at the close of September was still \$956 million in the black, but experts predict that with higher-than-estimated costs and added Interstate System mileage this won't go far.

ALTERNATIVE MONEY sources suggested so far include (1) appropriation from general revenues, (2) a share of the defense budget, (3) a bond issue. At the time the highway program got underway, this last idea was discarded in favor of a pay-as-you-go approach.

**EXCISE TAXES COULD** be reduced Reasoning goes like this: More Demo-

crats in Congress results in a more sympathetic view for what organized labor wants. If Walter Reuther appears before the tax committees asking for reduction or abandonment of automotive excises—as he is expected to do, he may get support. Added weight would come from Automobile Manufacturers Assn. It's equally interested in excise tax modification.

WANT TO WIN up to \$250? If you are a member of ATA's Operations Council, you can enter M-H Equipment Co.'s essay contest. Deadline is Dec. 31, 1958. All you do is write an essay of 2000 words or less on "Our Experience with Four-Wheel Carts" and mail to Essay Contest Committee, Operations Council, American Trucking Assns., 1424 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington 6, D. C. First prize is \$250, second is \$100, and there are three \$50 third prizes.

BRAKE SAFETY REG changes affecting the number of required brakes as described in Sections 193.42(c) and 193.48 (Oct., page 33) won't go into effect for a while. ICC has extended deadline for comment to Mar. 14, 1959.

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WIRING AND PARKING BRAKES ON both pickup and delivery units and over-the-road equipment is being surveyed by Private Truck Council of America: It wants to know how and where failures occur and what its members recommend toward eliminating problems.

AVERAGE AGE OF trucks in use today is 6.98 years. A million are 12 or more years old.

REO HAS added two new series to its line—C-200 and C-300. With five basic models in each series, they're rated in the 18,500-23,000 lb GVW class, have 15,000-17,000 lb capacity rear axles.

EXCISE TAX ON lease of a trailer cannot exceed amount tax would be if the trailer were sold outright. Ruling stems from Section 117 of HR7125, applies only to lessors who also sell trailers.

PER DIEM TRAILER rental charges have been OK'd by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Action gives green light to operation of National Motor Equipment Interchange Agreement developed by Regular Common Carrier Conference, American Trucking Assns. (Feb., page 34). In addition to standard rental rates Agreement includes procedure manual, interchange contract, flat rate repair schedule for trailers.

OHIO AXLE MILE TAX HAS been upheld by the U. S. Supreme Court. It refused to review the decision of the Ohio Supreme Court that the tax is constitutional. Attorney for the 60 fleets involved says Ohio can now claim three years of back taxes. Some observers say such action could bankrupt some carriers. Meeting was held late last month to consider petitioning Supreme Court for a rehearing.

## TRUCK TONNAGE

SEPTEMBER truck tonnage was up 2.3 per cent over September, 1957, reports ATA's Research Dept. The increase was recorded despite the work stoppage that halted traffic in the 11-western state area during first half of the month. Excluding this territory, the gain was a substantial 6.6 per cent. One bright spot was a boost of 1.5 per cent in September this year over September, 1957, in the Central region. This is the first time this year

Month	% Change from Previous Month	Change from a Year Ago
September, 1958 August, 1958 July, 1958	+ 0.2	+ 2.3 - 6.8 - 0.3
2nd Quarter '58		- 2.6
June, 1958 May, 1958 April, 1958	+ 3.2 + 2.6 + 1.9	+ 5.3 - 5.8 - 5.4
1st Quarter '58		- 5.6
March, 1958 February, 1958 January, 1958	+ 6.6 - 8.5 + 9.3	- 7.6 - 8.1 - 5.3
4th Quarter '57		+ 0.9
December, 1957 November, 1957 October, 1957	-10.2 -14.4 + 5.6	+ 0.2 - 4.8 + 0.2
3rd Quarter '57		+ 6.5

this Region—accounting for about a third of truck tonnage—registered an increase over '57. Three highest gains were Mid-Western region—up 11.9 per cent, Northwestern—up 11.2 and Southern—11.1.

## TRUCK AND BUS PRODUCTION

	Weeks	Ending	Year to	o Date
Make	Nov. 8	Nov. 1	1958	1957
Chevrolet	8,426	6.645	215,260	299,046
GMC	1,874	1.113	49,197	58,694
Diamond T	123	158	4,860	4,902
Divco	70	70	2,492	2,499
Dodge and Fargo	1,922	1,439	47,463	67,304
Ford	7,231	7.361	193,254	295.750
FWD	18	15	1.078	945
International	2.273	237	78,431	103,859
Mack	271	279	12.069	14.895
Studebaker	408	219	8.677	12,139
White	419	426	14.622	16.533
Willys		2,172	75.897	64.617
Other Trucks	55	55	2.480	3,648
Total -Trucks	25,110	20,189	705,780	944,831
Buses	35	25	2,667	3,460
Total - Trucks and Buses	25,145	20,214	708,447	948.291

## IN THIS ISSUE

CAR JOURNAL's second exclusive report-in-depth on one of the nation's leading fleets—Tennessee Valley Authority. Story starts on page 69. You'll also find out what CCJ's Mobile Editorial Team discovered about TVA's VEHICLE REPLACEMENT, MAINTENANCE, MECHANIC INCENTIVE and ACCIDENT PREVENTION. . . Also there's a new look at the importance of TRANSIT MAINTENANCE (page 102), description of two new HEAVY DUTY BRAKES (page 106), details on White's just announced 50-in. BBC TRACTOR (page 112).

... And—for your convenience—a complete INDEX to the many cost cutting, informative, important-to-efficient-fleet-operation articles that appeared in COM-MERCIAL CAR JOURNAL during 1958 (page 109)



MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR JANUARY CALENDAR. Jan. 12-16—Society of Automotive Engineers Annual Meeting and Engineering Display, Sheraton-Cadillac and Statler Hotels, Detroit . . . Jan. 17-25—Chicago Automobile Trade Assn. Annual Car and Truck Show, International Amphitheater, Chicago . . . Jan. 19-22—American Road Builders Assn. Annual Convention and Exhibit, Dallas Memorial Auditorium, Dallas, Texas . . . Jan. 25-29—Truck-Trailer Manufacturers Assn. Annual Convention, Hollywood Beach Hotel, Hollywood, Fla. . . . Jan. 29-30—Private Truck Council of America Annual Meeting, Sherman Hotel, Chicago.

**TRUCK STOP PURCHASES CAN** be verified through a new service. Organized by National Truckers Service, Newport News, Va., the plan includes a list of approved truck stops and a system of verified receipts. NTS does the checking, sends the verified receipt to the carrier's main office. Presently expanding in the southern states, NTS expects to make the coverage nationwide.

PART OF NATIONAL DEFENSE BUDGET SHOULD go to paying for the National system of Interstate and Defense Highways, says American Automobile Assn. Citing the expected deficit in the Highway Trust Fund by 1960 (Oct., page 33), A AA points out these highways are an integral part of national defense plans, sees no reason why part of their cost should not be met my national defense funds.

**VEHICLE EXHAUST CONTROL IS** getting emphasis in Los Angeles, Cal. Noting that rubbish burning, industrial and refining air pollution are being brought under control, smog experts there say, "We have three million cars, trucks and buses still completely uncontrolled." Being studied are methods to control vehicle fuel evaporation and exhaust. Groundwork for a vehicle exhaust law also is being laid.

LOVE THAT TRUCK. It may not be that easy, but ATA's Regular Common Carrier Conference opened a broad public relations program last month. Its aim is to "... tell the story of the common carrier truck lines not only to legislators, public officials and regulatory bodies, but to the general public which is the ultimate user of our services," says Conference Chairman L. D. Rahilly. First step was the employing of Allied Public Relations, Inc.

THEY'RE LOOKING FOR \$1,000,000 to endow transportation research and teaching at Texas A&M College. Fund is a memorial to the late Thomas H. MacDonald, former Commissioner of the Bureau of Public Roads and cited as "father of the nation's modern-day highway system." For details, write Thomas H. MacDonald Memorial Fund, 200 Ring Bldg., Washington 6, D. C.

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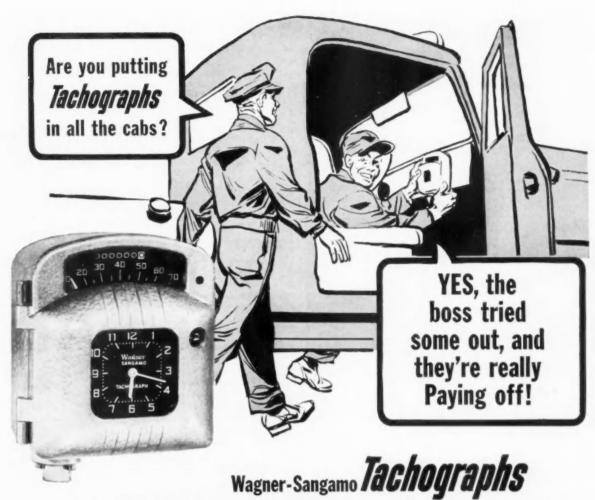
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- 25-29—Truck Trailer Manufacturers Assn., 18th Annual Convention, Hollywood Beach Hotel, Hollywood, Fla.
- 29-30-Private Truck Council of America, Annual Convention, Sherman Hotel, Chicago, III.

### **FEBRUARY 1959**

- 2-5-National Automotive Accessories Mfgs. of America, Exposition, Coliseum, New York, N. Y.
- 15-17-Motor and Equipment Wholesalers Assn., National Convention, Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago, Ill.
- 18-21—Automotive Service Industry Show, sponsored by MEWA, NSPA and MEMA, Navy Pier, Chicago, Ill.

### **MARCH 1959**

- 12-15-Pacific Automotive Show, New Brooks Hall, Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, Calif.
- 16-18—Society of Automotive Engineers, National Passenger Car, Body, and Materials Meeting, Sheraton-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, Mich.

#### **APRIL 1959**

- 6-10—American Gas Assn., Edison Electric Institute, Joint Motor Vehicle Committee Meeting, Netherland-Hilton Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 7-9-American Welding Society, Welding Show, International Amphitheatre, Chicago, Ill.

### **MAY 1959**

- 8-9-Kentucky Motor Transport Assn., State Convention, Sheraton Hotel, Louisville, Kv.
- 12-14—American Trucking Assns., Council of Safety Supervisors, Spring Meeting, Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla.
- 17-20-Automotive Engine Rebuilders Assn., Annual Convention, Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Canada.

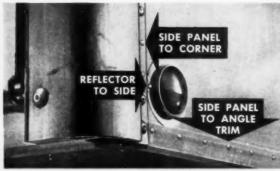
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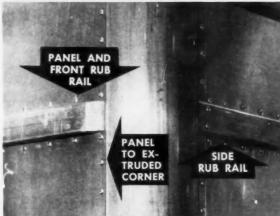
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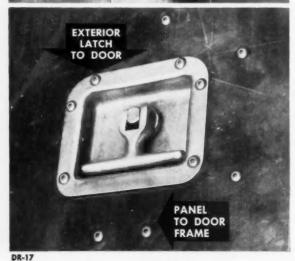


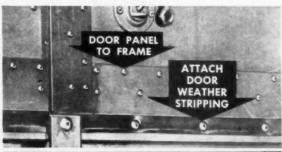
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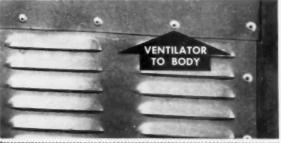
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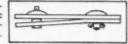






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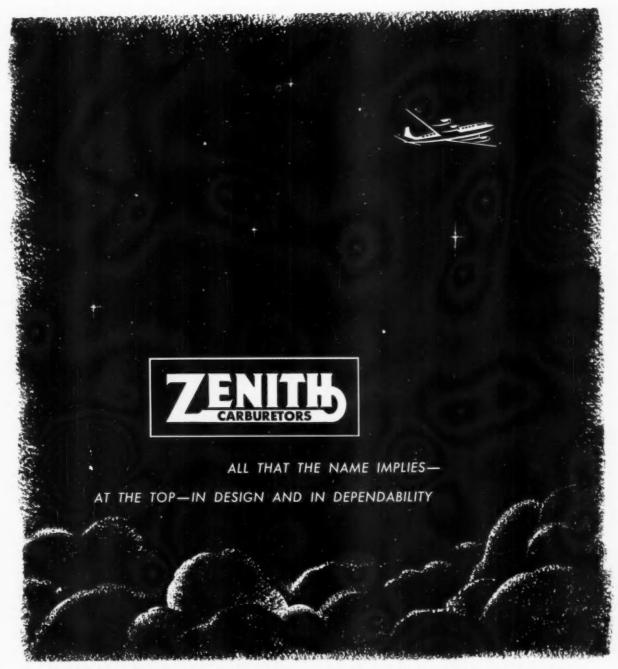


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## Mobile Radio Uses

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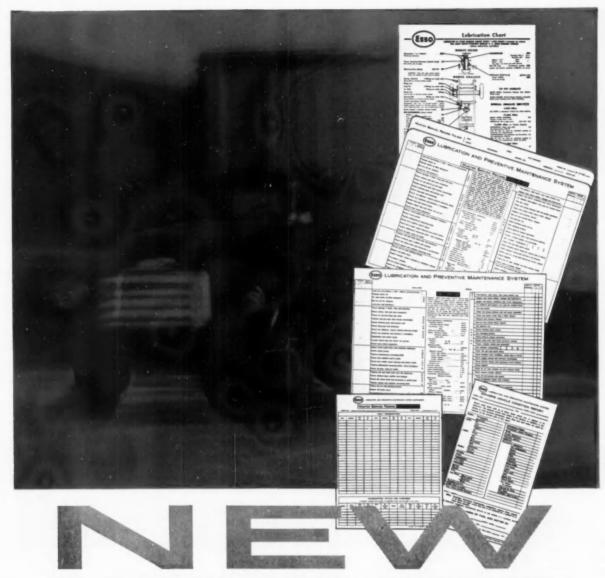
from U. S. Dept. of Agriculture

is a study on the effects of agriculture exemption on interstate transportation of both fresh and frozen poultry. It gives the fleetman complete information on everything from tonnage treads to age and type of equipment in use. Copies are for sale from the Supt. of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. Ask for Dept. of Agriculture Marketing Research Report No. 224.

## **Transit Supply Procedures**

from the American Transit Assn. 292 Madison Ave., New York 17, N. Y.

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Shop Foreman's Daughter:
"What makes you think so?"

Shop Foreman's Son: "Daddy just told a joke and Mamma laughed at it."

Weavin' Willie swears he saw this traffic sign out by the new grammar school the other day: "Use your eyes and save the pupils."

Catty Cora says: "By the time you learn what to do with youth, you ain't got it no more."

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SAFETY DIRECTOR'S SON: "DADDY, DADDY, MOMMY RAN OVER MY TRICYCLE WHILE SHE WAS BACKING OUT OF THE GARAGE."

SAFETY DIRECTOR: "DARN IT, TOM-MY, I'VE TOLD YOU TIME AND AGAIN NOT TO LEAVE YOUR TRICYCLE IN THE FRONT YARD."

Appliance Manager: "How do you like the new vacuum cleaner we sold you, Mrs. Wrenchman?"

Truck Mechanic's Wife: "Oh, it's fine, perfectly fine. It's seven times as effective as my broom was."

Appliance Manager: "That's fine. But how do you figure that?"

Mechanic's Wife: "I hit my drunken husband with it, and it knocked him seven times as far as my broom did!"

Shop Foreman's Wife: "I just heard your husband is in the hospital. What is wrong?"

Maintenance Super's Wife: "It's his knee . . . I found a strange woman on it."

- "Cici Jay" ----



"You dropped your hanky!"

Steno Lou: "What sort of a fellow is your new boy friend?"

Steno Sue: "He's a perfect angel.
And how is yours?"

Steno Lou: "Oh, he's the very devil."

Steno Sue: "Care to trade?"

Fleet Photographer: "I took my girl into my dark room, last night, to see what would develop."

Fleet Magazine Editor: "What happened?"

Fleet Photographer: "The results were negative."

Truck Dispatcher: "I understand you did quite a bit of fishing on your vacation. Did you fish with flies?"

Driver Superintendent: "Man, we fished, ate, slept, danced, boated, camped, drank and swam with them."

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SIGN IN A TRUCK STOP DINER: THE SILVER IS NOT MEDICINE. DON'T TAKE IT AFTER MEALS.

Dynamometer Specialist: "Shay, Joe, you've had a li'l too mush too drink. Liable get arreshted drivin' home. Why don't you take the bus?"

Ignition Specialist: "Thash a good idee, good idee. Supposh it'l fit in my garage?"

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1st Freight Checker: "I want to know how long girls should be courted?"

2nd Freight Checker: "The same as short ones!"

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# THE CHAIN?

Putting it to the test is one way of finding out. Another, and by far the safest way, is to buy a reliable chain in the first place. A chain with safety-forged, matched links—designed and built to perform dependably under the roughest treatment. This is true also when you buy the chain of devices that comprise an air brake system.

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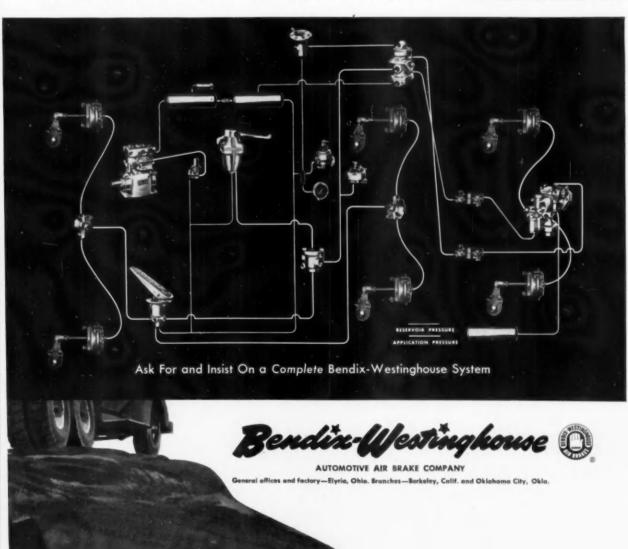
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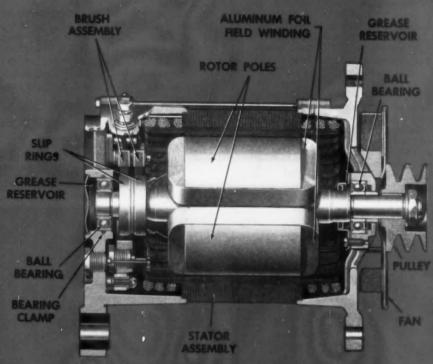
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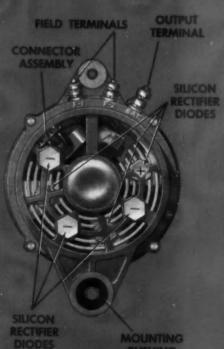




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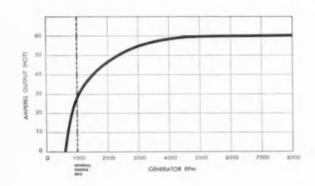
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STATE AND MONTH		Brock- way	Chev- rolet	Dia- mond T	Divco	Dodge	Ford	FWD	GMC	Inter- na- tional	Ken- worth	Mack	Peter	- Stude		Willys	Willys Truck	Misc.		Tota
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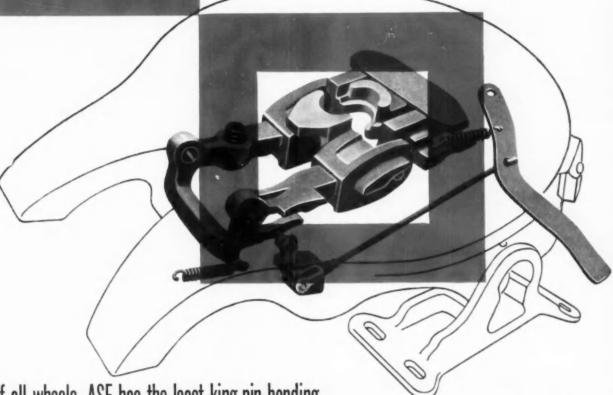
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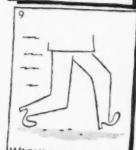
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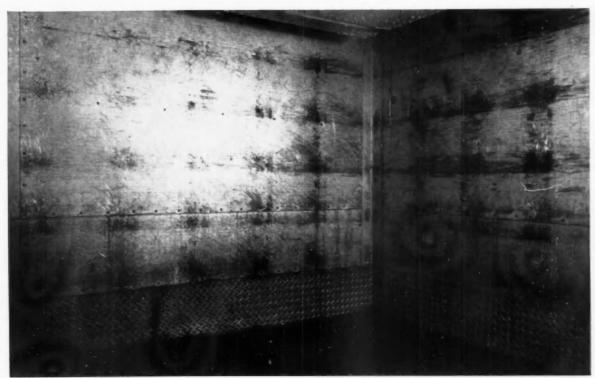
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# It tilts...it leans...it hunches up and down Unique truck built with USS COR-TEN Steel





The Thompson Level-Loder raises and lowers to any height from curb side to 4½'. Hydraulic cylinders lift the body up and down in a vertical guide mounted on the truck cab. Thompson Trailer Corp., Pikesville, Maryland, a subsidiary of General American Transportation Corp., Chicago, introduced the new design.

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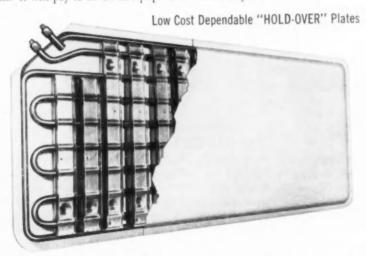
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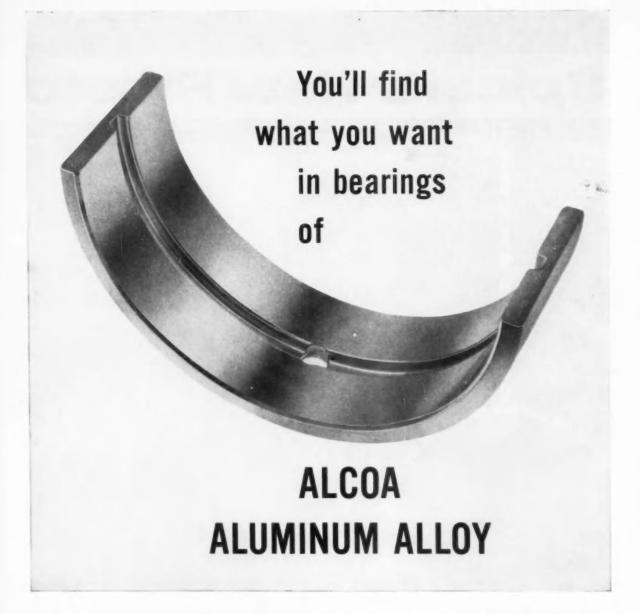
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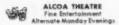
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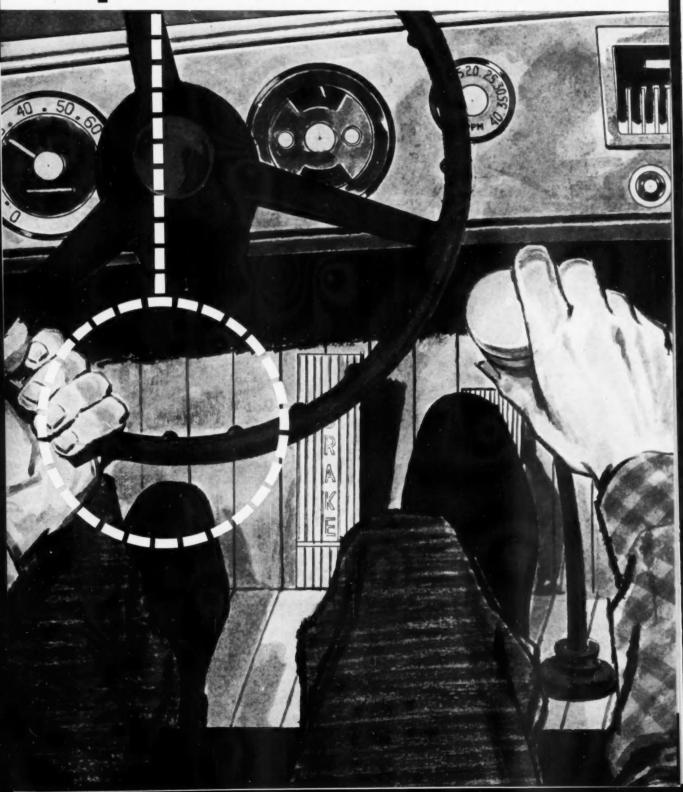


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COMMERCIAL CAR JOURNAL'S Mobile Editorial Team discovered this when it spent several days at TVA's Transportation Branch headquarters in Chattanooga and with its fleets in the field . . . as shown in the map above. (TVA's main office is in Knoxville.) You can judge for yourself when you read the following pages.

### You'll find useful ideas, regardless

of your own type of operation. The TVA fleet has a variety of activities and equipment. And in all its activities, the basic aim is fleet efficiency.

To achieve this aim calls for alert management, watchful cost control, scientific vehicle selection and replacement, tailored vehicle maintenance, a mature safety program and a special PM program for construction rigs. In the past 25 years, TVA's Transportation Branch has sought bright ideas. It had to, because . . .

A REPORT IN DEPTH BY

CCJ's Mobile Editorial Team

THERE'S COMPETITION



TVA Transportation Branch management and CCJ's Mobile Editorial Team. In clockwise order above are: Paul A. Murphy, (then CCJ technical editor, now in charge of Chilton Co.'s automotive repair manuals); Gilbert W. Stewart, TVA's Assistant Director of Information; W. R. Palmer, CCJ field staff; George H. Irish, Chief of the Branch; CCJ Editor Bart Rowson and Executive Editor Murray Simkins; and Charles C. Hudson, Assistant Chief of the Transportation Branch of TVA. The Result: This Story

# **Competition Spurs Management Search**

THIS IS THE STORY of the Transportation Branch of the Tennessee Valley Authority. It's a fleet story. Regardless of your opinion of the TVA concept, as a fleet operator you can't afford to ignore its Transportation Branch. As a fleet operation, it's doing a big job—and doing it well.

How big? There are more than 2800 vehicles. They range in size from passenger cars to heavy-duty construction equipment, as shown in the list at right. They cover some 90,000 sq miles in seven states. Among the tasks they do: (1) Supply vehicles for a power system interlaced with 11,000 miles of transmission lines, (2) Provide transportation for operating personnel whose functions range from river regulation to land and forest conservation, (3) Provide heavy-duty equipment for construction projects.

Now celebrating its 25th anniversary

TVA was created by Presidential action on May 18, 1933. Its prime task: To develop the potential of the Tennessee River for flood control, navigation, power and the soil resources for improved agriculture and forestry. The Transportation Branch supplied and maintained most of the automotive equipment used during construction and modernization of TVA's 26 dams, eight steam plants, eight locks and 650-mile navigation channel.

Chief of the Branch is George Irish. His assistant, at headquarters in Chattanooga, Tenn., is Charles Hudson. Both are well known in automotive engineering circles. Irish has long been active in the government's Interagency Motor Equipment Advisory Committee. Hudson is author of several articles in COMMERCIAL CAR JOURNAL. Between them, Irish and Hudson administer a group of 165 employees who are directly or indirectly responsible for selection, maintenance and—at times—the design of the Branch's automotive equipment. They're also responsible for TVA's airplanes, helicopters and construction rigs.

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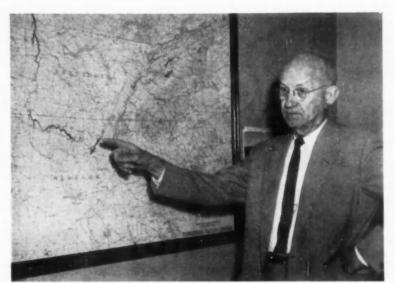
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### HERE'S THE FLEET

Sedans (Ford and Chevrolet)	796
Station Wagons (Ford and Willys)	30
Sedan Delivery (Chevrolet and Ford)	168
Personnel Carrying Trucks (Chevrolet)	83
Light Trucks (1/2, 3/4 & 1-ton Ford and Chevrolet-	
pickups, stakes, etc.)	562
Medium Trucks (2-ton Chevrolet and Ford)	191
Light Special Body Trucks (tankers, drill units, com- pressor carriers and oil filter press bodies on Chevrolet, Diamond T, Federal, Ford, FWD, GMC	
and International chassis)	24
Tractors (Chevrolet, Federal, Ford, IHC, Reo)	32



As Chief of the Transportation Branch George H. Irish heads a fleet of more than 2800 vehicles which operate in a seven-state area. The Branch has a variety of jobs, operates everything from scooters on up to construction rigs

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Competition is a factor

in the fleet operation. This is no transportation monopoly. The fleet and its service facilities are set up to meet normal rather than peak needs. And even for normal requirements the Branch must do the job at a lower cost than commercial organizations or the work is farmed out. This principle applies both to supplying transportation and maintaining the equipment.

Despite the farm-out policy, the Branch uses some 50,000 sq ft of shop space to keep the fleet rolling. It has major shops at Knoxville, Chattanooga and Paris.

Tenn., and at Muscle Shoals near Sheffield, Ala. There are garages for routine service work at Columbia, Nashville, and Jackson, Tenn. In addition there are a number of mobile units for field servicing.

The fact that there is competition

spurs the Transportation Branch to search for better ways to operate and maintain the fleet. To know when to farm out work to advantage, it has to know its own costs. To justify its existence, it has to develop specifications for jobs and equipment on which outside bidders can base their bids. And when the need arises, it must be able to design and build specialized equipment which cannot be purchased.

Maintenance rates high on the fleet's efficiency scale, of course. But fleet management knows that too much maintenance is almost as costly as too little.

#### REPLACEMENT POLICIES

Heavy Cargo Trucks (36,000-lb GVW stake bodies		Airplanes (includes 5 Helicopters)
on Federal 55 MA and IHC L-212 chassis)	23	
Scooters (Cushman models for in-plant maintenance	14	and the Construction Equipmen
Light 4 x 4's (Dodge, Ford, FWD and Willys)	92	Crawler Tractors (Allis-Chalmers, Caterpillar, IHC)
Light 6 x 6's (IHC military model with sprayer)	54	Industrial Tractors
Line Maintenance trucks (Ford, FWD 6 x 6's)	23	Air Compressors, Portable
Line Construction trucks (Federal, IHC 4 x 2's)	67	Electric Welders, Portable
Heavy Winch Trucks (Diamond T, Federal, IHC)	15	Concrete Mixers, Portable
Dump Trucks (Chevrolet, Federal, Ford, IHC, Reo)	95	Road Roller (Ingram 5-ton model)
Forklifts (Clark, Hyster, Mobilift, Transport)	7	Cranes and Shovels
Trailers (pole, tank, cargo and special types)	238	Earth Borers
Fire Engines	9	Gradalls

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#### **Engineered Standards**

#### **Guide Replacement Policies**

ONE REASON TVA enjoys low cost-per-mile averages is that most vehicles are replaced before cost of operating them becomes excessive.

From past experience, the Transportation Branch has the data that shows average service life of each type of equipment. From this information a schedule of appraisal inspections has been developed. This sets the mileage or hours-of-service interval at which vehicles are considered for retirement. For light equipment, intervals range from 50,000 miles—or four years for sedans to 70,000 miles or five years for 1-ton panel trucks. Heavy equipment becomes due for appraisal on a time basis. It ranges from 5000 hours or six years for 2-ton trucks to 8000 hours or nine years for winch trucks.



Car above is typical of some 800 used by TVA's supervisors and service personnel. Standard models are used

As the vehicle nears the end of the average service life for its class, an appraisal inspection is scheduled. This is performed in the field, using the form shown at right. Results of the inspection are combined with reco

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#### HERE'S HOW DECISIONS ARE MADE . . .

#### The principle is simple . . . .

I—When it would cost more per mile (or per hour) to repair and operate the old vehicle than to buy and operate a new one, then buy a new one.

2—When it would cost more per mile (or per hour) to buy and operate a new vehicle than to repair and operate the old one, then repair the old one.

#### The formulas are easy to use . . . .

1-Cost per mile (or per hour) to continue operating the old

vehicle = 
$$\frac{(1.3 \times a) + b - c}{}$$

2—Cost per mile (or per hour) to buy and operate a new

The values 1.3 and 2.6 are factors representing the current difference of about 24 per cent between the cost of TVA and the retail price of vehicles. The other symbols are . . . .

- $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{current}$  cost of new vehicle delivered and ready to operate  $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{estimated}$  cost of repairing old vehicle
- c = estimated salvage value of old vehicle at end of extended
- life if repairs are made
  d = salvage value of new vehicle at end of its normal period
  of service

Note: In estimating "c" and "d" fleet records on the rate of usage are consulted.

w = current value of old vehicle in "as is" condition

x = total life of old vehicle if repaired

y = life of old vehicle to date plus estimated life of new vehicle. Note: Values for "x" and "y" can be expressed as miles or hours, but the same measurement must be used for both values in any specific application of the formulas.

#### Here's how it works . . . .

TVA had a 1954 model 2-ton stake truck with 3600 hours of service on it after severe use on a construction job. Question was whether to repair it to get normal life of 5000 hours or replace it at once? Here's how it worked out . . .

- a = \$2450-cost of new truck equal to old
- b = \$850-TVA shop estimate of repair cost
- c = \$450—Value of '54 truck in 1960 after 5000 hours of service (900 hours per year)
- d = \$600—Value of new truck in 1963 after 5000 hours of service
- w = \$350-(take bids if in doubt)
- x = 5000 hours
- y = 8600 hours-(5000 for new truck plus 3600 on old truck)
  - 1. Cost per hour to repair and continue operating '54 truck would be . . .  $(1.3 \times $2450) + $850 $450$  or  $72 \varepsilon$  per hour
  - 2. Cost per hour to buy and operate a new truck works out this way . . .  $(2.6 \times $2450) $600 $350$  or 63 ¢ per hour.
- 3. Since cost per hour would be less with new truck, decision is easily made to sell the old one, buy a new one.

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Mounted on an FWD HRC 6 x 6, this Gradall is one of TVA's varied items of equipment cared for and supplied by men of its Transportation Branch

Appraisal forms shown here are used when a vehicle nears the end of its expected service life or when it needs major repairs. Results of the inspection are combined with data to decide to replace or repair

recorded operating data on the vehicle to determine if it (1) should be replaced immediately or (2) can continue to operate efficiently for a longer period. If the unit is to be replaced, notice is sent to the driver and shop staffs not to make major repairs on the unit. If the study of the vehicle's history shows it recently had major repairs, its replacement is postponed until it has given the additional service life expected from the repairs.

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#### The replacement formula guides

routine retirement decisions (see example at left). It also helps the Transportation staff decide whether damaged vehicles should be repaired or replaced.

Retirement or replacement of every fleet vehicle must be justified by applying the formula.

Retired vehicles are generally grouped for sales at the locations for which replacement vehicles are purchased. However, if another location offers a better used car price which more than covers the cost of ferrying the retired vehicles, the units are sold there.

#### TVA buys new vehicles the same

as other government agencies-by competitive bidding. In setting up its specifications, the Transportation Branch generally calls for standard, competitively priced makes and models with a minimum of accessories or extras. Since some accessories are of definite value to the fleet, the Transportation Branch does have a table rating these features by dollar value. With this guide, the bidder can tell in advance what "extras" he can include in his bid and still keep it competitive.

In comparing bids, the Transportation Branch staff notes not only the prices but the availability and convenience of the manufacturers' parts and service facilities in the area where the vehicle will operate.

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YOU CAN'T CONTROL COSTS until you know how much the costs are. That's why TVA's Transportation Branch considers its cost report system an important management tool. It uses regular monthly cost reports from each shop or service facility and quarterly comparisons of vehicle types. In addition, it makes (1) periodic cost checks to spot problems and (2) a variety of special studies.

The monthly report keeps both the headquarters staff and local supervisors informed on cost trends. However, it's the Quarterly Vehicle Cost Statement which is the real working base for cost control.

This cost statement shows

unit costs of gasoline, oil, tires, maintenance, depreciation and administration for each type of vehicle. (Data below shows ½-ton truck costs.) Quantity of fuel used as well as cost is reported since costs vary from one area to another. Similarly, while an average cost figure is shown on the statement for tires, the mileage secured from individual tires is also used for control purposes.

Periodic studies and charts have proved useful in spotting areas of the fleet operation on which management should concentrate its attention. Charts and tabulations are prepared regularly to show . . .

· Mileage comparisons by periods.

Number of employees, fleet size, and mileage accumulations.

Average utilization of vehicles by types.

· Personal car use.

· Overhead and total costs.

· Rental cars and TVA vehicle mileages.

· Costs by classes of vehicles.

 Actual expenditures, and budget estimates by loations

Numbers of clerical, supervisory, and shop employees and totals of mileage, expenditures, and vehicles in the fleet.

As needed, special cost studies are made—such as vehicle comparison by make, comparison by areas of operation, outside work expenditures vs. costs of similar work performed by TVA, outside purchases and depreciation.

Trends in used car market values

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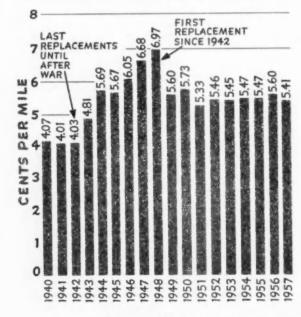
by types of vehicles and locations are used to plan vehicle disposals. Such data are used to decide (1) sales quantities, (2) where sales will be made, (3) time of year and (4) vehicle age.

Below is a progressive record of annual average cost per mile for sedans covering the period from 1941 to 1957. (TVA operates on a fiscal year basis. For example, calendar months July, 1957, through

Quarterly data is checked against budget to spot cost irregularities. Here's the picture on  $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton trucks . . .

Cost per Mile	12-month Estimate July '57- June '58	3-month Report July '57- Sept. '67	6-month Report July '57- Dec. '57
Operating Costs:			
Gasoline	1.66é	1.70∉	1.81∉
Oil	.05	.06	.06
Miscellaneous Services	.39	.30	.36
Tires and Tubes	.46	.38	.40
Dispatch Service	.23	.15	.18
Storage	.11	.11	.11
Total	2.90€	2.89€	2.91¢
Maintenance	2.76	2.17	2.21
Shop Overhead	1.13	1.00	.91
Depreciation	2.20	2.20	2.20
Administration	.73	.60	.57
Total	9.72¢	8.66¢	8.80¢
Average miles per vehicle per month	500	532	514
Miles per gallon of fuel	12.5	12.23	11.5
Miles per quart of oil	340	397	395

Special sedan study showed how keeping light vehicles beyond "first life" boosts cost per mile uneconomically



#### **CONSTANT STUDY**

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June, 1958, would be fiscal 1958. Unless otherwise noted, years given in text and charts refer to fiscal years.) Note the sharp and steady rise in cost from 4.03¢ per mile in 1942 increasing to 6.97¢ per mile in 1948.

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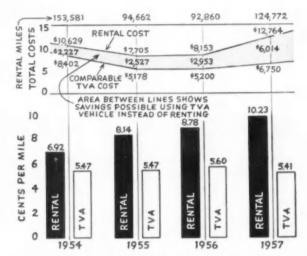
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#### This 1942 to 1948 increase was

due to greater maintenance costs during the war years when vehicle replacements were not available. This experience proves the fallacy of keeping light mass-production vehicles beyond their "first" life. The cost figures on this graph did a job in fixing a plan of retirement. Now TVA is saving up to  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per mile on approximately 12 million miles of sedan travel per year with this retirement program.

Chart at upper right provides information on the use of rental sedans. The average cost per mile for rental and TVA-owned sedans are shown side by side in these columns for the fiscal years of 1954 through 1957.

Total mileage for rental sedans is shown in the figures at the top of the chart. Curve at top shows annual expenditures for rental sedans. The line below shows calculated cost of the same number of miles in TVA-owned sedans. The shaded area between the lines shows extra cost of rental sedans which ranges from \$2227 to \$6014 for the years shown.

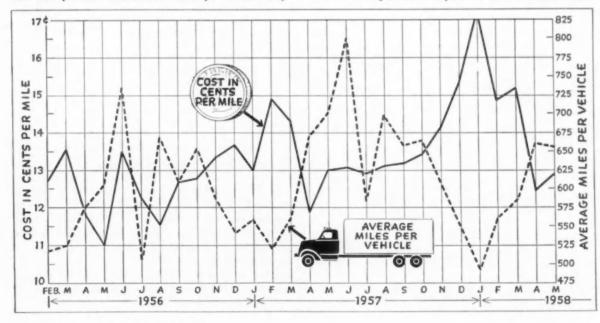


TVA checks rental mileage cost against its own operating data to provide constant cost control on each type

#### MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

Chart developed from TVA's cost records by CCJ shows how cost per mile increases as miles per vehicle drop

Pattern is typical of fleets where work done is incidental to mileage, shows impact of fixed overhead costs





To provide PM service for its 2800-vehicle fleet, TVA has seven shops located at key points in its operating area. Shown here is the Muscle Shoals shop, one of the four main facilities

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## PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE? YES-BUT NOT TOO MUCH

WITHIN ITS BASIC POLICY of retiring most fleet units before they need major maintenance, the Transportation Branch has developed its preventive maintenance program. This consists mainly of scheduled lubrication and inspection at fixed intervals. Aim is to prevent serious trouble from developing without being guilty of over-maintaining the equipment.

Lubrication interval on trucks 2-ton and up is 1000 miles. For passenger cars and light trucks it's 2000 miles. As long as it's not more than  $10\phi$  a gallon higher than regular oil in the particular region, detergent oil is used.

#### Standard practice is to use

the lightest oil, consistent with reasonable oil consumption. Oil filter cartridges are replaced at 10,000-mile intervals on light vehicles and at 900 hours or 5000 miles on heavy units except for those in severe service.

The fleet uses SAE 20 (Navy 9170) for general use and SAE 30 (Navy 9250) in hot weather and in older engines with high oil consumption rates. SAE 40 and 50 are used for high temperature operations and in some International engines.

#### Preventive maintenance is scheduled

for all TVA units at fixed intervals. These are . .

- Light PM at 10,000 miles for vehicles under 20,000 lb GVW and a heavy PM job at 30,000 miles.
- 900 hours for construction machines and off-road trucks.
- 600 hours, 5000 miles or one year for trucks over 20,000 lb GVW.
   Inspections involve the following steps. . . .
- 1. The garage foreman encourages the driver to re-

port on how the vehicle is operating, either orally or through written reports.

- The unit is given a road test by the inspectors to check. . . .
  - a. Performance-starting, pickup, power.
  - Noises in engine, transmission, differential, universal joints, body, cab, etc.
  - Operation of brake and clutch pedals, gear shift, doors, locks, windows, brakes, steering gear, etc.
  - d. Operation of standard equipment, accessories governor, heater, winch, etc.
  - e. Operation of gauges, instruments and thermo-
- Visual check by road tester, washman and mechanics working on unit. . . .
  - Appearance and condition of sheet metal, fenders, body radiator, bumpers, grilles, hood, windshield, glass, etc.

#### - DETAILED FORMS

A set of simple but complete inspection forms guide mechanics in servicing TVA's fleet. Two examples are shown at right. At top is the PM Inspection and Repair Record for Trucks. Prepared for the various classes of trucks in the fleet, it includes (1) a list of some 30 items to be checked, (2) a column in which symbols can be inserted to show what work has been done and (3) space for the inspector's comments.

Driver complaints are first to be checked. They're followed by any items discovered during the PM road test. Bottom of the form includes space for signature of

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- Faults or damage of accessories, engine, or major components.
- c. Tire wear for faulty alignment, balance, etc.
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- 5. Lubrication
- 6. Mechanical examination
- 7. Final road test by designated inspector
- Complete vehicle inspection report and post shop order.

#### Tire specialists are designated

at every shop. They are supplied with manuals, data sheets, bulletins, and all necessary instruction material to give up-to-date PM service on tires, wheels and rims.

Examination of all tires is made during every vehicle PM. Inflation is checked once a week, and check lists are recommended to insure against oversight. Daily visual examination by dispatchers has become a habit. All sound tire casings are recapped except passenger car and low platform trailer sizes (7.50-15, 8.25-15, 9.00-15, and 10.00-15).

#### Policy is to repair-not junk-

large tires (7.50-17 and up) which have been damaged (cuts, stone bruises, etc.) (1) if the repair cost is less than one-half the value of the remaining tire life or (2) if section repairs would not be more than three. Following table is used by TVA in determining if remaining tread justifies a section repair. . . .

			Remaining
Tire	Original	Section	Tread to Justify
Size	Cost	Repair Cost	Section Repair
7.50-17	\$ 35	\$ 5.50	35 % or more
8.25-20	55	6.50	25 % or more
9.00-16	55	7.25	25 % or more
10.00-20	85	10.00	25 % or more
11.00-20	95	10.00	25 % or more
12.00-20	125	12.00	20 % or more

To justify a more expensive repair, a higher percentage of tread must be remaining. A less expensive repair can be justified when remaining tread is less than that shown.

#### GUIDE INSPECTIONS -

the person who road tests the unit after it has been serviced, supervisor's signature, date the work was completed and the cost.

The Inspection and Repair Record for Trailers (at bottom) is equally detailed and simple. Trailers are inspected yearly or after 600 hours operation. Every third inspection is scheduled as a "heavy" inspection in which major servicing is performed. Other inspections are concerned mainly with driver complaints, road test findings, visual inspection and adjustments. At these inspections, only repairs obviously needed are made.

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Portable test equipment at Muscle Shoals shop makes maximum use of available service area space in shop



TVA's garages use drive-through stalls, outside servicing on the apron when the weather permits to boost capacity

#### SHOPS are BUILT for EFFICIENCY...

YOU'LL FIND FEW FANCY TRIMMINGS in any of TVA's maintenance shops. They're work rooms, not show-places. But as work rooms, they're built to handle their work load smoothly with a minimum of inconvenience.

The accompanying photos of the shop and garage at Muscle Shoals, Ala., are typical of TVA's maintenance facilities. The list of shop tools (from the Knoxville, Tenn., shop) beginning at right confirms the statement that the shops are well equipped.

Basically the shops handle PM inspections and routine servicing and repairs. They're not intended for heavy overhaul work. But when the need arises, they can turn out special equipment, as you'll see on the next page.

In the four major shops and three smaller garages TVA has 50,000 sq ft of service area. More than 160 employees are engaged in maintenance work, directly or indirectly.

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Air Receiver—Gardner-Denver
Battery chargers—3—General Electric, Sun
Bench grinders—6—Black & Decker, Cincinnati, Deaderick, Sioux, Walker-Turner
Body jack kits—Portopower
Boring bar (1/2-hp)—Van Norman
Brake machine—Chicago
Brake reliner (1/4-hp) Admiral
Bumper lift (hydraulic)—Walker
Crane (hydraulic, 1-ton)—Ruger
Crank pin returning tool—Service Auto Parts
Drills (electric)—16—Sioux, Thor, Milwaukee Electric,
Van Dorn

Interior of Muscle Shoals garage is typical of other shops. Clean, well-lit, with plenty of elbow room to spare





This segment of TVA's fleet shows variety of equipment handled by shops. Peak loads are farmed out

Paint shop and woodworking area is adjacent to main garage. Room at the left houses the upholstery shop





#### ... and they're FULLY EQUIPPED

#### Equipment List-

Drill presses-3-Delta, Cincinnati Drying lamp (infra-red)-Op-Al Floor jacks (rollaway)-6-Blackhawk, Walker Front-end lift-Baylift Gasoline pumps-5-Bowser, Tokheim, Wayne Grease guns-2-Stewart-Warner Grease pumps-2-Stewart-Warner, Balcrank Grinder attachment (1/4-hp)-Oliver Hoist (1-ton)-Budgit Hoist (2-ton)—4—Wright, Davis, Cyclone Impact wrenches-12-Ingersoll-Rand, Chicago Pneumatic, Thor Key cutter—Briggs & Stratton Lathes-2-South Bend, Cincinnati Lubrication lift (electric)—Walker Nibbling machines-2-Skilsaw Paint spray system—Stewart-Warner Pedestal grinders-2-Cincinnati, Brown-Brockmeyer Planer (motor driven)—Oliver Platform scale (500-lb)-Howe Press (hydraulic)—Dake Riveter-Ingersoll-Rand Riveting hammer (pneumatic)—Chicago Pneumatic Sanders-6-Sioux, Coats-Moore, Easy, National Saws—4—Delta (saw and joiner), Skilsaw (1-hp handsaw), Racine (2-hp hacksaw), Howell (electric bandsaw) Sewing machine—Singer

Shapers-2-Delta, R. A. Kelly Shears-Beverly Sound-proof booth-Burgess Steam cleaner (electric)—Siebring Surface grinder (pneumatic)—Ingersoll-Rand Test equipment . . . . . Electric test bench-Weidenhoff Engine tune-up tester-Sun Distributor tester—Sun Dwell meter-Sun Headlight tester—John Bean Timing lights 4 Sun Volt-amp tester—Sun Tire changer (air-operated)—Henderson Tire press (hydraulic)—TVA shop-built Tire remover-Ingersoll-Rand Tire Spreader-Manley Valve refacer—Sioux Valve seat grinder—Black & Decker Vacuum cleaner-Doyle Welder (arc)—Lincoln Electric Wheel balancers—2—John Bean, Stewart-Warner Wheel aligner-John Bean Work benches (metal)-Equipto

SHOP-MADE EQUIPMENT



This dual tire carriage was made from an old hydraulic jack and salvaged parts. The tubular frame carriage rides over small tube uprights



This aluminum plate case was designed in the shop as a convenient holder for vehicle records. It keeps PM records handy when units move

#### SHOP INSPIRED IDEAS SAVE

ENGINEERING is a major responsibility of TVA's Transportation Branch. Modifications of equipment, rebuilding of equipment, even buildup of new vehicles is a continuous operation at TVA. In addition, setting standards for maintenance routines and for adjustments on various types of equipment comes under this heading.

Man in charge of this phase is Charles Hudson, well known among Commercial Car Journal readers and automotive engineers. As assistant to Transportation Chief Irish, Charlie is responsible for setting up purchasing specifications. His task here is to choose the equipment best suited to TVA's operation. He has been instrumental in setting-up simplified PM systems

on all types of equipment and in establishing a standards program to expedite maintenance.

He spends a great deal of time inspecting equipment with an eye toward improving its efficiency. In this job, he covers all maintenance facilities cultivating comments from mechanics, foremen, and supervisors to make the equipment better suited to specific transportation requirements.

Along this line, he seeks ideas for short cuts, shop hints or for engineering changes to equipment that can be accomplished in the shops. Contributors are given due recognition for suggestions that improve maintenance routines.

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bulletins are prepared and sent to all shops to direct the foremen in specific jobs. These service bulletins have become a major maintenance guide.

There have been bulletins on (1) vehicle brake PM, (2) suggestions for overcoming noise in hydraulic lifters, (3) methods of eliminating vapor lock, (4) control of block cracking, (5) carburetor icing elimination, (6) valve service procedures, (7) practices for installation and setting of governors, (8) cooling sys-



Compressor and air tank on Gradeall replace engine-operated air brakes and supply better braking power with engine off than does emergency brake



More efficient than a truck's engine as a power source for night lighting. this low horsepower generator unit sits in the front of line truck bodies

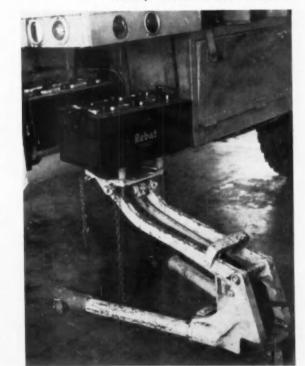
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Addition of a bar to this lift truck's boom produced a versatile hoist for moving parts around the shop. It's carrying a crawler assembly in photo

Modified transmission jack carries heavy batteries without effort. Adjustable supports permit levelling battery. Chains are used to secure it



SAFETY PROGRAM

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tem inspection and service, and (9) spark plug recommendations.

These bulletins go into specific detail, tell what is required in the way of service procedures. Diagrams and drawings are enclosed for the guidance of the mechanics.

#### From the men themselves come

many of these important PM practices. For example, mechanics have sent in suggestions for modification of carburetors, modification of front axles and king pins, positioning of a truck's spring and axle, elimination of window glass breakage, methods of overcoming exhaust valve breakage and use of auxiliary generators for certain model trucks. When accepted, these suggestions are also issued as service bulletins.

Photographs on these pages show specific examples of modifications made to either equipment or shop tools in the interest of efficiency.

#### Another example was published

in the "Shop Hints" section of CCJ (Aug., page 78). This was an air-motored pump for transferring gasoline from and to vehicle tanks. Developed and constructed by the men at the Muscle Shoals garage, it won the \$25 top prize for the month.

The prize money has been donated to a charity fund to help crippled children which the men at the shop support. This fund also receives the proceeds of a self-service sandwich and soft drink counter at the shop.

#### MATURE SAFETY PROGRAM PUTS

TVA'S SAFETY PROGRAM is a prime example of a fully matured, workable accident prevention system. To the casual observer, it might appear that there is no formal program. That's only because the system works so smoothly and unobtrusively. But statistics prove the program's there—and working. TVA has a set of National Safety Council awards for added proof.

Present program was set up in 1936. Accident frequency rate at that time was 2.65 per 100,000 miles. Graphs below show the progress since then. Record low for the fleet of 0.53 was set in 1956.

#### Prime responsibility for the

program lies with D. E. Nolting, assistant chief of TVA's Safety Branch. Area supervisors act in advisory or "persuasive" capacities in the field to provide continuity for the program.

Also each power plant and major construction project has its own safety engineer. He is concerned with both vehicular and personal safety, works closely with the project's general manager.

#### The accident-prevention program faces

three basic problems — (1) TVA's geographical spread, (2) the wide variety of equipment used and (3) the fact that most drivers are hired for jobs in which driving is not the prime task.

One of the major safety tools is the selection, testing and training program. Administered by the Safety Branch, it includes a road test for new drivers and periodic retesting of others.

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rather than an outright pass-or-fail exam. Tougher than most state driver license exams, it includes a written test followed by at least 45 minutes of driving over a five-mile course. The examiner tries to put the driver at ease so he can observe as nearly as possible the man's normal driving habits.

After the test the examiner discusses any bad driving habits noted. He may have the driver go through a maneuver several times until he is convinced that the man understands the proper procedure. If the driver needs still further training but is otherwise acceptable, further sessions with the examiner-instructor are scheduled.

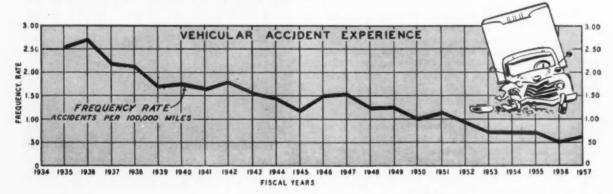
#### A report on the written and road tests,

along with lists of driving habits requiring attention, are sent to the driver's immediate supervisor. The driver is also given a card to show that he has been tested. Since men are frequently transferred around TVA's service area, this card is a convenient way to identify qualified drivers when they arrive on a new job.

The tests are useful in spotting men who need retraining. Examiners of the Public Safety Service handle about 2000 tests a year. This includes retesting every third year of some drivers, as required by their supervisors. This retesting generally is handled at the same time as the periodical medical examination available to all TVA employees.

From the tests and the medical exam, drivers whose health condition makes them unsuitable as

#### FLEET ACCIDENT RATE DROPS STEADILY



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#### **SQUEEZE on ACCIDENTS**

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Proper maintenance of equipment is

part of the safety program. "Mechanical maintenance saves vehicles," says Irish, "Good attitude maintenance saves men!" As a help to both, he recommends governors set at 60 mph for passenger cars. "There's never been an accident charged to the governor. The men just don't expose themselves to hot rod situations."

All vehicles get a complete safety check each time they are serviced—in TVA facilities wherever feasible. When this is not possible, each driver carries an identification card and purchase orders for outside service. Most service stations and garages in the TVA area honor "TVA 1669's."

Positive attitudes toward safety

and good performance are developed by personal letters of commendation to men who do something outstanding. Such letters may be for single acts or for longtime practices. They describe the reason for writing and express the appreciation of both the writer and TVA. There is no prescribed form, so the letters are truly personal.

The letter writers are also always at least one step removed from the recipients in the chain of command. It is never the immediate superior who writes, but the man above him. Thus the recipients can feel "the brass" is truly concerned with safety.

This gives incentive to supervisory to observe and remember good performance—as well as bad—so as to be able to report candidates for recommendation. These letters are highly regarded throughout TVA. Many times an employee points out to a supervisor some meritorious action by another employee, lest it go unobserved and unrecognized.

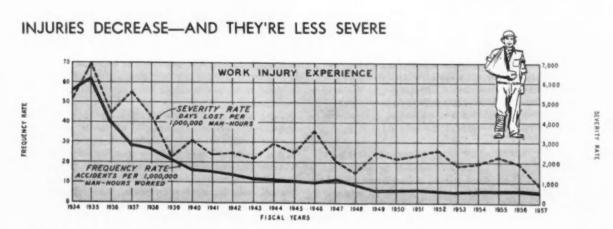
An inter-divisional driver training

committee meets regularly twice a year and when necessary in a fact-finding and advisory capacity. It has members from TVA's departments of power, transportation, personnel, safety and public safety service.

It was this group that came up with a remedy for the poor accident record on earthmovers and heavy equipment. Heavy vehicle accidents were cut by more than half. Repair and maintenance costs on these machines dropped as both frequency and severity of accidents were reduced.

The inter-divisional committee also promoted a special safety training program in 1943 for all personnel dealing with explosives, including drivers and helpers. Repeated re-training and vigilance by the safety men has pushed explosive mishaps close to the vanishing point.

#### CONSTRUCTION RIG PM





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Specialists handle heavy-duty unit servicing in the Transportation Branch shops. Improved methods have inincreased PM intervals by 50 per cent

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## Scheduled Maintenance Boosts Life of Heavy-Duty Equipment

REGULAR INSPECTION of construction rigs poses the same problems for TVA's Transportation Branch as for any other construction equipment operator. The units are frequently in the field when inspections fall due. Also they're more complex and require specialists to service them.

The Branch's working solution to the problem consists of (1) giving the best possible field service and (2) following-up with thorough in-shop servicing at regular intervals.

#### Crawlers, cranes, shovels and

other heavy equipment used to be brought in for maintenance after 600 hours of operation. Performance studies and improved operating techniques made it possible for this interval to be extended to 900 hours.

As equipment is brought in, a crew of specialists gives it a thorough going over. On crawlers—for example—they tear down the rollers, remove and inspect transmissions, replace worn parts. Some parts are replaced arbitrarily at this time rather than run the risk of failure in the field. Injectors are replaced every 900 hours, and fuel pumps given a complete overhaul. Tracks are repaired and all major components returned to factory specifications.

#### Lubrication and minor servicing is

done in the field with portable equipment at temporary shop locations. When such service is due, Branch headquarters notifies the field staff. A follow-up is made later to see that the work has been done. Each unit carries its service record on a weather-proof card in By the time it gets out of the shop this crawler will have had a complete overhaul and will be ready for another 900 hours of rough operation



a metal container mounted on a protected part of the equipment.

Careful training of operators has reduced wear on equipment. Periodic checking of operators' techniques by the Transportation Branch staff has also helped. When equipment does fail, the operator is required to explain the cause of the failure so the Branch can establish responsibility for it. Since this means operators may have to admit being the cause of the failure, it has helped make them aware of the need for handling equipment carefully.



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#### AT YOUR SERVICE . . .

Overspeeding on earthmoving jobs causes a lot of unnecessary damage. Several factory service representatives tell us that the time saved by "hitting the company notch" probably costs more in terms of maintenance than it's worth to most contractors. High speed operation for extended periods is hard on all drive train components, tires and wheel bearings. All of these are designed for heavy loads and moderate speeds—not racing.

Tires on large earthmovers are constructed to withstand impacts. They are designed especially for good flotation and consequently must flex more than highway type tires. Flexing generates heat which in turn damages cord and accelerates wear. Speeding over rough terrain should be avoid for the same reason.

heavy loads concentrated on small areas. Overspeeding increases heat build-up which in turn damages the lubricant. Although the bearings may not warp and seize, excessive heat affects the metal and shortens service life.

on construction equipment, the best yardstick to go by is hours of operation. Most contractors today use this method. However, revolution counters don't always do the job since they are designed to give a correct hourly reading at full rated engine speed. They may be off by as much as 70 per cent since few engines operate at full rated speed beyond short periods. Hour meters give a much more dependable time record of the machine. If hour meters can extend intervals between service periods, aren't they worth a try?

commonly called "Roto-Valves", "Rotor-Valves", "Free-Valves", etc., have been in use for quite a number of years now. They have proven their superiority over the non-rotating conventional exhaust valve, particularly in heavy-duty service.

However, you get the advantages of this type of valve only when you maintain them properly. For example, valve stem cups are an integral part of the cylinder head. A valve reconditioning job is not complete unless proper clearance between the stem tip and stem cup has been checked and set. Failure to make this inspection and adjustment defeats the purpose and intent of using a Roto-Valve, as it causes improper operation and premature failure. Considerable wear occurs to the valve rotating mechanism in operation. The shoulder of the keys or keepers suffer most where they contact the shoulder of the valve stem groove. Excessive stem-to-cup clearance increases this wear. Too little clearance stops the rotating action of the valve.

Before installing Roto-Valves, either new or refaced, check the valve cup clearance. It should be from 0.002-in. to 0.006-in., preferably close to the low limit of 0.002-in., since the cup clearance increases during operation due to key wear.

If more than 0.006 in. valve cup clearance exists, the Automotive Engine Rebuilders Association says to grind evenly from valve cup rim face to get specified clearance. If there's less than 0.002 in. clearance, grind from valve stem tip. A special micrometer gage is required to check valve cup clearance accurately.

After cup clearance has been checked and set on all valves, be sure to keep component parts with the valves on which they were checked. Some shops use masking tape to keep the cups in place on their respective valves after assembly until the head itself is installed on the engine.

Can dry-type air filters on off-road equipment save money in reduced service time and longer engine life? One contractor reports that they definitely do. He tried the dry-type filters on a job in New Jersey and found that he could cut filter service from once a day to twice a week. Time required to change the filter was reduced from a half hour to 15 minutes. Since these filters are highly efficient, the company expects to extend engine life from 3000-4000 hours to between 6000 and 8000 hours. This appears to be par for the course.

Four techincal papers were presented on dry filtration at the recent SAE National Farm, Construction and Industrial Machinery Meeting in Milwaukee, Wis. Engineers generally agree that the dry type cleaner is a good bet for widespread use of construction equipment.

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#### Maintenance by the Book

#### How a New PM System Cuts Costs for Utah Construction Co.

By L. H. Houck

A NEW AND effective planned preventive maintenance system—field tested for the past year under tough conditions—has been developed by Utah Construction Co., San Francisco, Cal. It is directed by L. C. Irwin, manager, Equipment Dept., and D. F. Anderson, equipment superintendent.

Overall control is accomplished through coordination and cooperation of two complementary departments. The Equipment Dept. is responsible for ownership and operating costs, location and movement authorization, equipment acquisition and disposal. The Mechanical Dept. supervises maintenance and repair of equipment on all projects and operates the various storage yards.

At the field level, project managers or general superintendents are responsible for successful operation of Utah's preventive maintenance program. In practice, the responsibility is delegated to the master mechanics on the project. Area equipment superintendents act as consultants to the projects in carrying out the PM program. They solve specific project problems, disseminate ideas and procedures developed on other jobs and assist master mechanics through their knowledge of operating and maintenance peculiarities of individual pieces of equipment.

The philosophy of Utah's preventive maintenance program lies in the fact that equipment must be in top condition to compete in today's highly competitive construction industry. Thorough and continuous maintenance is the only way to keep condition up. Complete understanding of this fact by all project personnel—supervision, operations, and maintenance—puts the philosophy to work.

High points of cost reduction on construction equipment include: (1) positive service check and recheck at appointed hours. (2) continuing comprehensive history of service and repair on each unit. (3) saving parts cost by replacing only worn or damaged parts.

To actually see how the PM program works, let's look at an actual project. Utah Construction has a huge uranium stripping operation in western Wyoming in the shadow of the Rattlesnake mountain range. There is also a \$10,000,000 ore refining mill on the property. On hand as guide was H. E. McNally, Area Equipment Superintendent, who supervises the Utah equipment spreads in Utah, Colorado, Wyoming and other Rocky Mountain states.

Heart of the new PM system is a loose-leaf book made up in the San Francisco office for each unit of equipment. This book goes where the unit goes. It becomes a permanent record of the unit's vital statistics and accumulative history of its life and movement from vendor to junk yard.

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Each book represents a single unit of equipment. While that unit of equipment remains under the jurisdiction of the master mechanic assigned to the project, the book remains in the master mechanic's office.

It's time for an "oil break" for these scrapers at Utah Construction Co.'s Lucky Mac project. Two lube crews of six men handle the job



L. H. Houck is a well-known and experienced reporter on construction fleets and the work they do. It isn't unusual for him to cover thousands of miles from his Jefferson City, Mo., home base. This one, he says, was out of the ordinary.

"I made an appointment to meet Utah's Area Equipment Supt. McNally and cover this western Wyoming operation. We were to meet at the maintenance shop in Riverton at a particular time. Riverton, Wyo., is some 1500 miles from Jefferson City. What I didn't know—when I started—was that the shop was actually 58 miles from Riverton down a gravel road over desert and mountains.

"I got to Riverton and was told to take a black top c couple of miles, turn left through a cattle guard and follow the gravel trail until I came to Lucky Mac—location of the shop. I passed sage hens and antelopes, a baffling array of signs—Keep Out, Private, No Admittance without Pass—and a couple of small air fields. Later I was told that this was the only road in the world that gets longer the further you travel.

"But eventually, I came to the maintenance shop.... an hour and a half late. McNally, who had come to the meeting from Salt Lake City, Utah, was there with two assistants. They had spent the time betting that 'the man from CCJ had turned back when he saw the cattle guard and the gravel trail'!"

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C. Y. "Smokey" Jenkins keeps tab of PM intervals, sees that field crews know when to perform 100-hour service

Everything there is to know about that unit is in the book—including part numbers and filter numbers to mention a couple.

#### Bulk of the book consists of

blank forms for keeping routine PM service records on an accumulative hour basis—incorporated with PM time schedules. Each book is designed for a particular unit and does not necessarily represent the PM procedure or hourly checks for any other unit.

One such book on the master mechanic's desk covers Utah's truck No. TKD-895. It's a Euclid rear dump. First page describes the engine—a Cummins 6-cyl NHRS-600 diesel rated 300 hp @ 2100 rpm.

Capacities shown include crankcase-28 qt, differential-23 qt, steering gear-6 pt, transmission-22 qt, rear axle-41 qt. Other details such as bearings (number, size and make), bore and stroke, and adjustments are included. Filters are listed by style, part number and brand to be used. In some cases options are listed. In other cases no options are permitted.

Other often needed data includes, length, width, height, weight and sizes of front and rear tires, as well as the original power with the engine serial number. There's also space for recording data on replacement power in the future should the engine be changed.

#### In the equipment record

section, it states that TKD-895, manufactured by Euclid, was received from the vendor in June, 1953, lists its serial number, capacity (14 cu yds, or 22 tons), and that on Aug. 1, 1957, it had its last complete overhaul at 5611 hours. Such overhaul listings show precisely the parts replaced.

Interesting is a history of the movement of the unit. It shows TKD-895 went from the vendor to its first assignment at Winkelman, Ariz. After finishing there, it went to a stripping job at Pima, Ariz., then west to South San Francisco, Cal., and from there to its present assignment—the Lucky Mac project near Riverton, Wyo.

#### The accumulated history

represented by these records is invaluable in determining how much good is left in the truck. Such information might well result in getting another year's service from the unit. On the other hand, it likewise prevents keeping a unit too long. Fugitives from the junk pile can be expensive.

Of more immediate importance is the use of the detail by the master mechanic in planning repair. For example, the unit has an Allison torque con(TURN TO NEXT PAGE, PLEASE)

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verter, Model No. TC-644-1 with 2.8-1 ratio plus an Allison Model TG-607 RM 13 Torqmatic transmission with differential ratio of 3.3-1 and final drive ratio of 4.58-1.

All information needed to order

parts correctly the first time are included. This eliminates thumbing through parts books, shop manuals and scratching the caked grease off faded numbers. Changes made earlier are listed in detail. All special items on this truck also are listed.

Since the book—including the statistics and the present stage of PM upkeep by appointed hours—goes with the unit, a strange crew receiving it at a far distant place can immediately take up where the other crew left off.

Proper services can be picked up

at any time without time-wasting correspondence, transfer of information by word-of-mouth, radio or telephone call. All this contributes mightily to more productive hours for the unit, better use of the talents of mechanical and preventive maintenance lubrication crews and reduction in dead line or bad order time.

Field service at the uranium stripping project is typical of other Utah jobs. It begins in a spacious Butler steel building, 50 x 125-ft, which provides shop space, office space and a parts warehouse. A large stock of parts is required because this job is remote from supplies and rush orders must be delivered to the job by air at the company's landing field.

I. A. McClure is master mechanic in charge. All the PM books on this job—each repre-

senting one piece of equipment under McClure's supervision—are quartered on top of his desk in an easily accessible row. If a machine is reported down or he has been handed a trouble report about a unit at work, McClure takes down that book and at his finger tips has a comprehensive history of the unit.

McClure has one man keeping a time record, seeing that PM and repair reports are made, being sure each book on each piece of equipment is kept up to date. From here, orders go to field crews for periodic 100-hour checks on equipment.

#### This field maintenance crew does

mechanical work—not routine lube work. It consists of two mechanics and two helpers on each shift. Each pair has a truck with a winch and a boom. In addition, one mechanic is assigned to each shift with a 34-ton pickup truck. His duty is to check on the 100-hour service, see if any repairs or service are needed, get the work started.

For example, he carries red and yellow chalk which he uses to circle cracks in steel bodies or frames that need welding. (The colors have no particular significance. The yellow is used to mark on red paint and the red on yellow paint.) The mark is an order for the job, stays until the welder welds the crack and rubs it out.

Work week for PM personnel is spaced so there is a 14-man crew available on Sunday for mechanical work when the equipment is idle.

#### Lubrication is performed strictly

according to manufacturer's charts and recommendations. Two lubrication crews of six men each work two 10-hour shifts using a semi-permanent lubrication station and a mobile greasing outfit. This consists of a power lube machine, air compressor, water and oil supply and light plant on a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -ton truck.

The job is fully radio-equipped and the network includes the main office. Tires and batteries are serviced by specialists with a truck and crew on each shift.

Welder in field shop hard-faces shovel renewable dipper teeth. Shop has 14-man Sunday-crew when rigs are idle



Colored chalk makes welding needs easy to spot. The mark is the "job order". It stays on until the repair is made



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By Thomas C. Kingsley
Service Dept., Caterpillar Tractor Co.



One way to cut maintenance costs by reducing rock damage is to bolt track roller guards on track roller frame

HOW LONG should track last? Any answer depends on a lot of things—the tractor itself, the job, soil conditions, maintenance and the operator. But economical track service life can be obtained—(1) by recognizing track problems and (2) knowing what to do about them.

Any discussion of track problems starts with the job to be done. The application determines which attachments are most economical and most needed.

For example, use of a track-type tractor in rock work presents operating conditions and wear characteristics very different from those in routine dirt work. Track shoes, rollers, idlers, links, pins, bushings, final drive sprockets, guards and even hardware wear longer in dirt operations than in rock. Tractors operating in rock must be equipped to combat increased depreciation if the owner expects longest possible service life and best value for his investment.

#### Track shoes are the first parts

to consider. Wide track shoes are most satisfactory when flotation is needed for operating in mud gumbo and some dirt work. However, wide shoes have greater overhang beyond the track chain than narrow shoes. Loads applied to the outer edge create greater leverage. The result is that wide shoes are more frequently damaged while working in rock than narrow shoes.

There is another advantage of narrow shoes. When working in hard material, the narrow grouser will penetrate deeper, increasing traction.

#### When a tractor is called upon

to work almost exclusively in rock, special heavy duty track shoes should be used. These shoes may be of either double grouser or flat design depending upon the traction needed. In especially abrasive rock, a manganese alloy shoe may prove to be the most economical investment.

Also don't overlook the advantages of track roller guards. From the standpoint of economy, these attachments pay for themselves many times over. Track roller guards help hold the track on the rollers on steep slopes. These attachments also help reduce wear on roller flanges and idler pilot rims.

#### In addition to abrasive wear

between the rollers and track links, rock feeding into unprotected track causes other difficulties. The crushing impact causes breakages of links, roller flanges and other parts.

Rock causes external wear on bushings, idler rims and sprocket teeth. The impact of the crushing action slashes the life of the track roller bushings. Rock can cause track to tighten excessively around the sprocket. Stretching out track causes the link pin and bushing bores to expand, result in loose pins and bushings.

#### Rock isn't the only material

requiring use of alternate parts or attachments. Snow, mud and wet sand have a tendency to "pack" in the track and cause severe strain on all track components. To prevent material from building up and clogging tracks, install special snow shoes—which have a cutout section in the center between the bolt holes—and snow sprockets—which have deeper recesses between the teeth than standard sprockets.

The advent of large push tractors has brought about a need for other special track shoes. Width of the push tractor is usually wider than older makes of scrapers. The outer edge of the track shoe rides up out of the scraper cut forcing the track in toward the tractor. This causes sprockets to rub against the outside link. It also results in accelerated wear to roller and idler flanges.

#### Where flotation is not a

factor, narrow shoes offer the best solution to this problem. If flotation is required, when working in such materials as sand or mud, off-set shoes should be used that match the cut of the narrowest scraper on the job.

To increase efficiency, operators should consider selection of track equipment and attachments which are available for use in other than average conditions. The tractor which is equipped to meet the problems of the job will give the best performance.

Next month — Better track maintenance

Submerged-arc hard surfacing is a money saver when it comes to rebuilding and restoring worn parts. Some shy away from it, say it's too tricky. But it's not—as this 4-part article shows.

Written especially for COMMERCIAL CAR JOURNAL by Charles G. Herbruck of Lincoln Electric Co., first two sections presented here tell how to set-up for hard surfacing and how to rebuild rollers and idlers.

Next month, he shows how to hard surface tractor tracks. Third article deals with rebuilding of crusher rollers.

## How to Prepare for Submerged Arc Hard Surfacing

SUCCESSFUL SUBMERGED are hard surfacing results from thorough examination of the part—before starting to weld. For best service, the right hard surfacing material must be used and it must be put on with the proper procedures.

Here are things to consider in setting-up a hard surfacing job . . .

1. Wear conditions—Is the wear caused by grinding, hammering, or some other wearing action?

Thickness and shape of the part — Check thickness and ability to position for automatic welding. Look for abrupt changes in section.

3. Composition of the part—Is the base metal readily weldable, or will it be necessary to use special procedures, such as preheat?

4. Finish requirements—Can the part be left in the as-welded condition, or must it be machined or ground to size?

#### Normally, wear conditions decide

which hard surfacing materials to use. There are many different types of hard surfacing deposits. Some are derived from alloy electrode used with conventional submerged arc flux.

Another and perhaps more flexible method uses an alloyed hard surfacing flux with mild steel electrode. Alloy fluxes give greater selection of hard surfacing deposits because the amount of alloy picked up from the flux by the deposit can be controlled by simply adjusting the arc voltage.

#### For example, we have four different

hard surfacing fluxes and two automatic electrodes used with them. Deposits from these materials range from a chrome-carbide to a medium carbon, low alloy type. Chrome carbides have maximum abrasion resistance. Medium carbon, low alloy deposits have excellent impact resistance and can be machined when deposited with certain procedures.

Between these two types, there are others with varying combinations of abrasion and impact resistance. Therefore it is possible to select materials and procedures which give maximum life in service.

#### Thickness of the part-along

with its composition—determines the need for preheat. Welds on large, thick parts cool quickly, may create severe shrinkage stresses which could cause the part to fail prematurely in service. Any part should be at least 75-100 deg F before welding commences. Thicker parts may require preheats up to 500 deg F for best results.

Shape of the part also influences cooling stresses. Irregular shapes with abrupt changes in section have more severe stresses than regular box or round shapes. Shape also determines, in some cases, the practicability of using submerged arc. One of the requirements of the process is that the welds must be made in the downhand position. The shape must permit the part to be put in this position.

#### Composition of the part is

particularly important in determining the preheat used when depositing the hard surfacing material. The higher the alloy, the greater the need for preheat. High manganese (12-14 per cent) steel requires procedures considerably different from those used for other alloy steels. Cast iron procedures are still different. Usually, information on the analysis of the part is available from the manufacturer. If not, simple tests, such as the grinding spark test, give a good indication of analysis. Whenever there is doubt, it pays to be conservative and use plenty of preheat.

The required finish condition of the surface must be known before the hard surfacing materials are chosen. Only a limited number of materials are machineable in as-welded condition. Others are machineable when softened by annealing. Some cannot be softened even with annealing and must therefore be ground to the required finish.

It is frequently possible to use the same materials and procedures for a large majority of the work. However even under these conditions, it is well to check the service conditions and make changes when necessary. One of the advantages of using the submerged arc process is that the deposit can be adjusted to closely match the requirements of the job.

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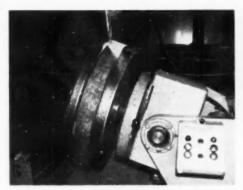
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Tilt idler to 20 deg angle before welding flange. For a smooth surface, overlap bead  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1/3 of its width on each revolution.

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Multiple spindle fixture makes bead shape easier to control by alternating rollers under head

Fixture tilts to 60 deg to weld flanges. One layer may restore them to finish size



#### How to Rebuild Idlers and Rollers

Submerged arc hard surfacing

extends life of rollers and idlers. It is an economical means of rebuilding worn parts, and the rebuilt parts frequently outwear new ones.

Two materials are used in rebuilding. One is a low alloy build-up deposit thick enough to bring the worn part to within about 3/8 in. of gage size. The other is a higher alloy material used for the final three layers. One flux and electrode provides both types of deposits simply by changing are voltage.

#### Clean the surfaces and

flanges with a wire brush to remove rust, oil dust, etc. Grind or burn off any rolled-over metal. Build up flat or thin spots with a medium carbon, low alloy manual electrode. Repair any cracks with manual, low hydrogen electrodes.

With the part in the fixture, position the submerged arc welding head over the work, so that the electrode is off-center in the direction opposite to rotation. On idlers, the off-center distance should be 1½ to 1½ in. and on rollers, about ¾ in.

#### Support the granular flux ahead

of the arc with an asbestos or non-burning rubber retainer that rides the work. Use a narrow, sheet metal retaining ring on edges to keep flux from spilling.

The 0.35-0.40 per cent carbon rollers normally require no preheat, though it is important that the chill is off the work. Roller temperature should be at least 80 deg F. Heat alloy steel rollers to 400-500 deg F and idlers to 300-400 deg F. Start heating idlers at the hub and progress out to the rim.

#### Using the build-up procedures,

first fill in the low areas so that the surface is even. Then build up the edges before the part becomes too hot. Finally, build up the surfaces to within about  $\frac{3}{8}$  in.—on the radius—of gage size.

	Idlers		
	Build-up	Hard Surfacing	
Work diameter No. of layers Welding current Amperes Volts Travel speed (in. per min) Electrode size	34-30	23-34 in. 3 layers maximum DC- or AC 400 32 34-38	

	Rollers		
	Build-up	Hard Surfacing	
Work diameter No. of layers. Welding current Amperes. Volts Travel speed (in. per min) Electrode size	7-11 in. Within %-in. of gage DC- or AC 325-350 27-28 25-35 1 in.	7-11 in. 3 layers maximum DC- or AC 325-350 31-32 25-35	

Progress across the surface by making a bead completely around the part, then moving the head over so that the next bead overlaps the previous one.

#### Apply three hard surfacing layers

over the build-up material. Use the same technique as for build-up, but increase the arc voltage so that the deposit picks up more alloy from the hard surfacing flux. Tilt rollers abot 60 deg and idlers about 20 deg when welding the flanges. Weld from the running surface up.

Let rollers cool in still air, away from drafts. For best results, reduce the cooling rate of idlers by covering with asbestos, sand or some similar material. Slow cooling reduces shrinkage stresses.

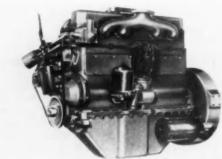
## What's New...

Elmhurst Chicago Stone Co. is using this powered chute to advantage on all kinds of ready-mix jobs. The hydraulic chute control, designed by Monarch Road Machinery Co. is available in a kit for application to any type mixer. The unit controls the position of the discharge chute in eight seconds. The control box is fixed conveniently at the rear of the unit so that guiding, raising, lowering or changing chute position is simple and safe.

Two new high-speed Hercules six-cylinder diesels designed for applications in which speeds of 1800 to 3000 rpm are desired. Called the DDH Series, the new engines are offered in two sizes. One gives up to 112 hp at 3000 rpm, has a 298 cu in. displacement. The other produces 122 hp at 3000 rpm, displaces 339 cu in. Both engines were developed by Hercules primarily for modern road and highway service equipment having hydraulic torque converters requiring engine speeds of approximately 2200 rpm for efficient operation. Features distinguishing the new engines from Hercules' regular DD Series diesels are increased crankpin diameter (2½ in. as compared with 2 in.) and larger main bearing diameter (2% in. as against 2½ in.).

Crane Carrier Corp. gives mobility to the Sampson multiple-purpose excavator, Model No. FS-1, made by Avery Tractor, Inc. Excavator is fully hydraulic, has full swing to operate in the tightest positions. It actually is seven machines in one—a backhoe, shovel, crane, clamshell, grader, grapple and magnet. Mobility requirements dictated the specialized carrier designed and built by CCC.







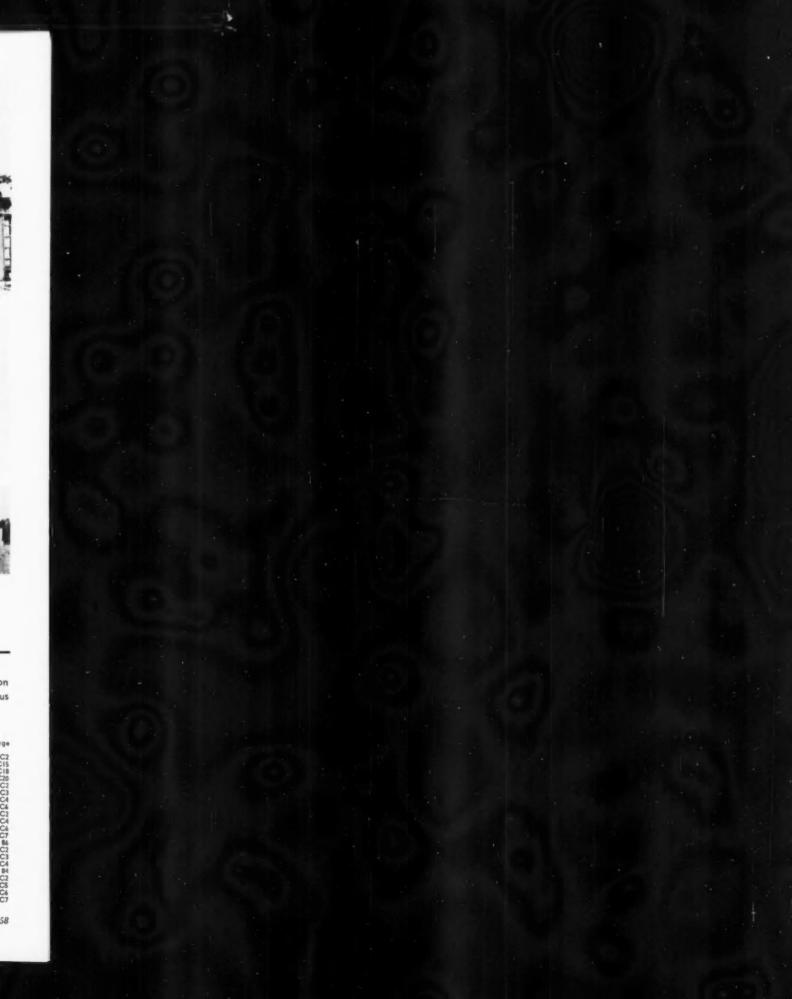
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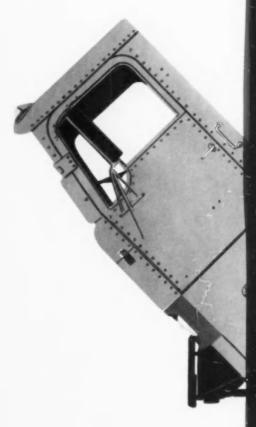
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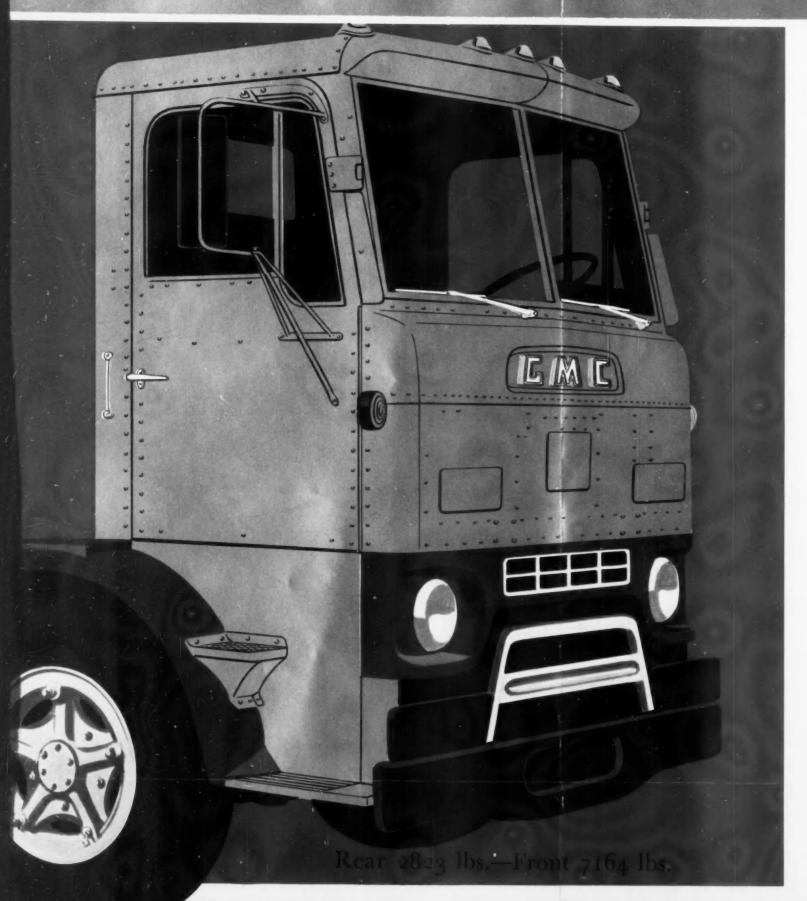


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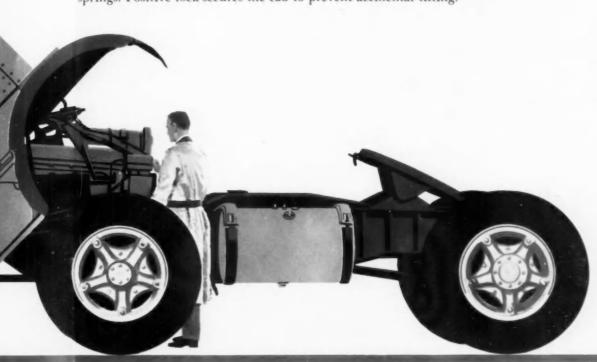


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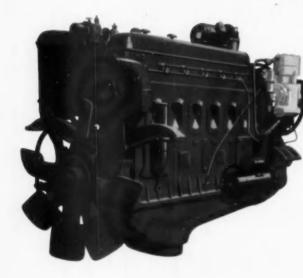


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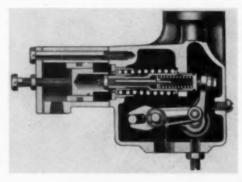
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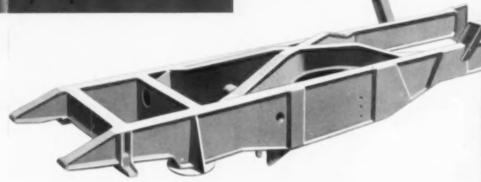
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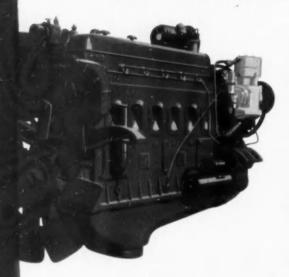
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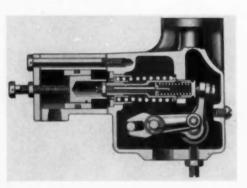
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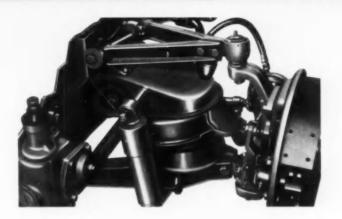
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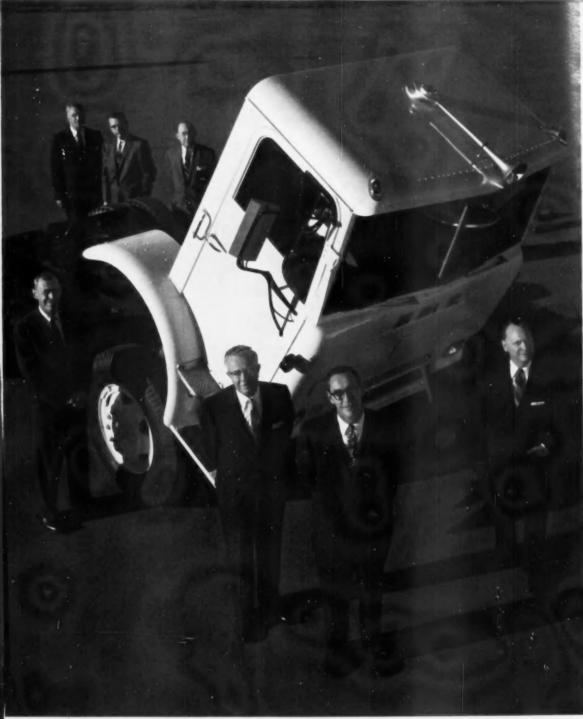
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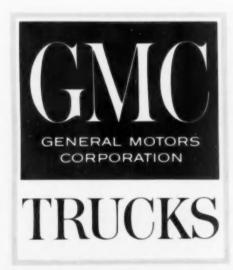
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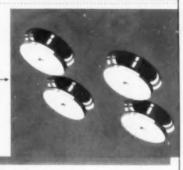
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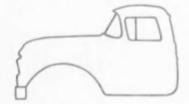
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# How Transit Top Management Sees the Maintenance Man



C. L. Patterson, right, New York City Transit Authority chairman, has Hy Feldman leading his maintenance team

Relationship of maintenance

men to top management got the spotlight at the first Mechanical Division session of American Transit Assn.'s recent annual meeting in New Orleans, La.

Commercial Car Journal's Executive Editor Murray Simkins attended, reported back that the discussion "... represents what I feel has been the best session that the Association has ever set up ... showing maintenance people that they have plenty of responsibilities in cutting costs and keeping transit properties in the black."

Maintenance men on the program were impressed . . . .

- J. T. Hurry of Dallas (Texas) Transit said, "They all talk my language."
- C. E. Krueger, Cleveland (Ohio) Transit superintendent of equipment, added his endorsement ... "I found it very illuminating to sit here and listen to their views. I hope you have all taken their remarks to mind and to memory."
- R. W. Ziffle, New Orleans (La.) Public Service, pointed out that the speakers "... each keynoted the necessity for a clear line of communication between top management and the maintenance department . . ."
- W. W. Kunz, Niagara Frontier Superintendent of equipment, described the speakers as "... men who practice what they preach; the best proof of that fact being the mechanical men who represent their problems in our meeting."

Charles L. Patterson, New York City Transit Authority chairman, says maintenance men should know top management policies, organize to produce results, plan efficient maintenance......

WE IN THE transit industry have only one thing to sell and that is "Transportation" of people. To sell transportation we must give adequate service to our customers at the lowest possible cost.

Top management looks to the Transportation Dept. to furnish that service on schedule and without delays, and that is where you maintenance men come in. You are the servicing agents who supply the tools for the operating people to do their job.

Without you they could not do it. These tools are the vehicles they need for service. They are entitled to get them in top-notch condition and to have them stay out on the road after they are put into service.

Now what do we expect of maintenance

men in order that you may fulfill that obligation. . . . First: You must acquaint yourselves with top management policies through direct association by individual or group meetings at regular periods.

Second: You must develop an organization to produce planned results through leadership and delegation of authority and responsibility to get proper supervision and production.

One of the most important of your duties is to see that you have the right men (or women, if you please) for the job to be done. Don't above all, pick a square peg for a round hole. You just won't get results. There are many people in our industry who may have the engineering know-how but don't have the necessary make-up to handle men and vice-versa. So pick the right man for the right job. You can

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O. Roy Chalk, left, is new president of (Washington)
D. C. Transit where Al Savage heads the Mechanical Dept.



Harley Swift, right, is president of Harrisburg (Pa.) Railways with Vic Zimmerman directing the maintenance

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TOP MANAGEMENT expects its maintenance men to keep its vehicles in the best possible condition for the least possible cost per mile. That, I am sure, has been the aim of all of you.

But what top management has in mind goes far beyond such fundamental aims. The qualities of wholehearted cooperation, practical imagination, and a tenacious desire to follow through, are characteristics which must necessarily supplement the ability to apply routine time-tested approaches.

We, at D. C. Transit have, I am sure,

a unique approach to solving this problem. Our complete operating activities are governed by what we call the General Operations Committee whose membership includes the Director of Transportation, the Director of the Mechanical Dept., Engineer of Way and Structures, and the Director of Personnel and Labor Relations. This group as an entity performs the functions of an operating manager.

Its four members rotate the Chairmanship on a semi-annual basis. Cooperation among their activities is automatically assured because each member has the feeling and rightly so, that he has a certain amount of interest in each of the other operating departments as well as a definite responsibility to management for the operations as a whole.

As a matter of fact, the Director of the Mechanical Department comes very close to having the responsibilities of an operating manager one-fourth of the time when he is Chairman of the Committee. It is

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Harley L. Swift, Harrisburg (Pa.) Railways president, emphasized maintenance—top management relationship by looking at it from the maintenance man's viewpoint.....

IF I WERE the maintenance boss, I would like to see the President, some of the Directors (for they, too, are top management), the General Manager, the Claim Agent, the Purchasing Agent, the Superintendent of Transportation, and the Schedule man come through the inspection lanes, the unit repair room, the body shop—my whole maintenance establishment once a week.

I'd like them to stop and watch the work being done, talk to the man doing it, pick up and get the feel of the tools the man is using. I'd like top management to get the feel of my shop, to see our problems. They have often been made by top management decisions. I'd like them to see how top management is bailed out by the ingenuity and esprit de corps of the man with the wrench and screw driver.

After a while, when the bosses

get a little familiar with the difference in ease and frequency of maintenance of different makes and types of accessories, they'd ask and accept my recommendation before they spent capital funds. Yea, and I betcha it wouldn't be long until I'd get some of those modern, time-saving tools I've been after for so long.

Somehow, I think these more close contacts would change top-side thinking that cutting back on maintenance or shutting the shop down for periods of time is a good way to cut cost and save money. Actually, doing that amounts to saving at the bung hole and losing at the spigot. I can show him, if he will listen to me, that the shop never catches up after a shutdown.

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### **BRAKES: THE PROBLEM**

## Answer from Rockwell-Standard

One interesting highlight of Society of Automotive Engineers recently held Transportation Meeting was a clear definition of today's heavy vehicle brake problem by F. T. Cox, Jr., Rockwell-Standard Corp. It's briefed below.

More interesting, two new answers to the problem were described at the meeting. Details on these are at right.

### The Problem

SOME YEARS AGO, a pretty good balance between brakes and requirements was reached. Since that time, loads have increased somewhat, speeds have more than doubled, horsepower has tripled . . even quadrupled. Heavily loaded commercial vehicles used to be lucky to reach the top of some long grades at five or 10 mph. Now they're rolling over the crest of these hills at 40 mph. You can readily understand the terrific requirement placed on brakes today.

"Space for better brakes has been further limited by . . . an increased trend to smaller tire rim diameters . . . to lower the center of gravity . . . and to allow more load space. In an attempt to keep up with this . . . drum diameter was reduced . . . widths were increased. Thickness of the lining was increased. At the same time, actuation power was increased.

"At present, with a 16½-in. brake and a 20-in. base tire . . . there is very little air space into which the heat generated in braking may be dissipated. This not only lowers the effectiveness and shortens the life of the brake but, in many cases, shortens the life of the tires by bringing their temperatures to a point that causes rapid deterioration.

"In reference to brake drums . . . it generally follows that a good drum is a heavy drum. "This is contrary to the desires of most fleet operators as any weight added . . . comes out of the revenue load. On the other hand, reduction in drum weight may decrease the life of the drum itself and the mating brake parts to a point where their early replacement costs, plus downtime caused by their failures, may far exceed the additional revenue brought about by the increased payload."

AFTER DESCRIBING today's brake problem, Cox went on to describe Rockwell-Standard's new Stopmaster brake. It's an internal-expanding, floating, 15-in., two shoe brake. Here, in brief, is how he described its features and development. . . .

"Inasmuch as vehicles are now designed to best accommodate an internal expanding shoe drum brake, it was decided . . . to obtain the ultimate from this type brake.

"In order to obtain required performance, it was readily determined that it would be necessary to depart from the fixed anchor type of brake. . . . A brake of balanced design would be required. This means that each shoe does its proportionate share of work. This

### Answer from Wagner Electric

A LIQUID-COOLED, disc brake for commercial vehicles was described by J. D. Dudley of Wagner Electric Corp. It has these advantages . . .

 Faster heat dissipation, especially under severe conditions, to give longer lining and drum life.

• It fits into smaller wheels, an important factor in the search for more trailer cube.

• It reduces unsprung weight on the axle, up to 124 lb per axle, says Wagner.

 It's designed to function as a retarder as well as a service brake.

Because it combines two features not found on most brakes—liquid cooling and disc braking, an all-in-onebite description makes it sound more complicated than it is. So let's take these features one at a time.

Coolant used is from the

engine cooling system. It's pushed through the brake system and back to the radiator by a belt-driven, positive displacement pump.

Stopping a vehicle depends on the brake system's ability to absorb the vehicle's forward movement energy in the form of heat energy. Wagner's new disc brake can absorb this energy at a higher rate than the cooling system's radiator can dissipate it as heat. So to get the most from the new brake, you can use

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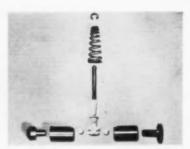
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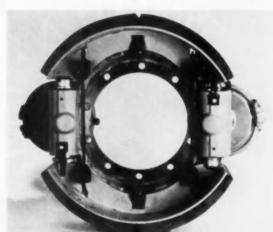
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### "Further it was decided that . . .

if at all possible, the brake diameter should be reduced... After investigating the brake location and mounting means available on present-day vehicles, it was determined that a brake of 15-in. diameter would be about the smallest that could be used....

"This, when used with the 20-in. base tire, sets up a much better condition for cooling of the drum by permitting additional air space between the drum and the rim when compared to the 16½-in. diameter.

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### Corp.—A Floating Two-Shoe Brake

a larger radiator or an extra storage tank in the brake coolant line.

Advantage of the storage tank is that it permits "heat storage." Thus part of the heat can be dissipated when the vehicle is running normally after the brake application instead of all at once.

### Disc brake itself has nine

major parts (as illustrated at right). On the wheel—taking the place of the conventional drum—is a driver. (1) Its teeth extend into the brake housing to engage the lining disc (3).

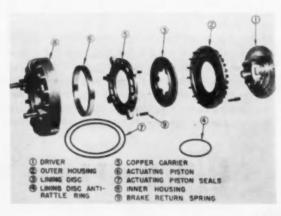
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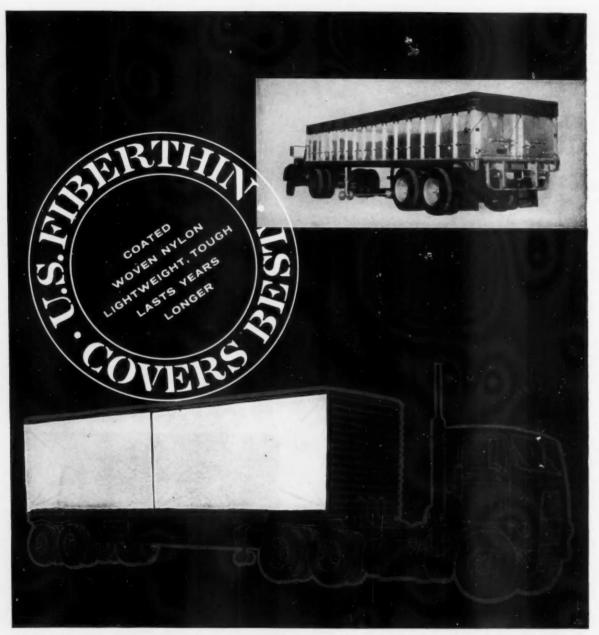
Using air-over-hydraulic actuation, a circular piston (6) pushes the carrier. This squeezes the lining disc between the carrier and outer housing.

Lining is bonded to both faces of the lining disc. In braking, it contacts copper friction plates riveted to the carrier and outer housing. There's an automatic adjuster to compensate for lining wear.

Present models of the new brake fit 18 or 20-in. wheels within present axle load limits. Wagner says it can be modified without diameter change for higher (TURN TO PAGE 134, PLEASE)







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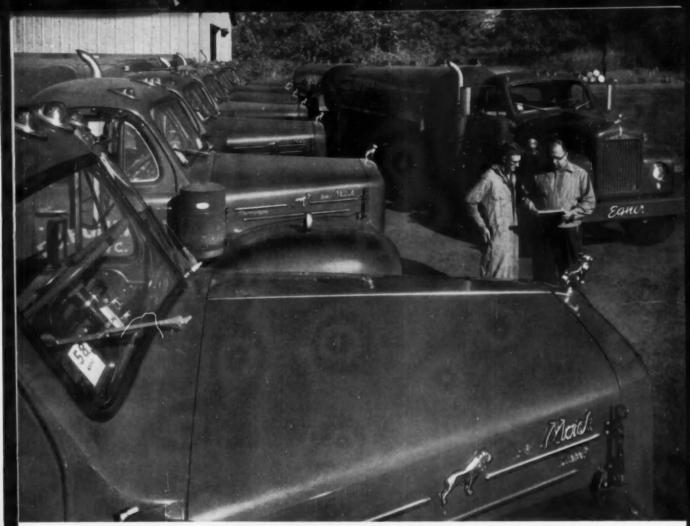
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Transmission is a 9-speed synchromesh Clark unit. It has a power shift assist and aluminum case. Drop box at rear lowers drive shaft 83/16 in. to reduce propeller shaft angularity. Clutch is a 14-in. two-plate model, air actuated.

Rear axle is

White's Model No. 124C single reduction, full floating unit. It has an 18½-in. ring gear. White's Model No. 134C is optional.

Basic model without fuel and 5th wheel tips the scale at 10,570 lb. It has a 95½-in. overall width, measures 119 in. to top of muffler outlet pipe with 10.00-20 tires.

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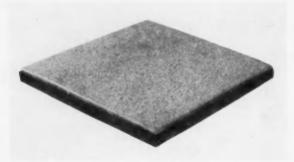
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### Prefab Trailer Floor Is Light, Tough, Oilproof

N EW PANELS for truck and trailer floors have recently been developed by Plant Maintenance, Inc., Cleveland 21, Ohio. Called the "Poly Rock" Prefabricated Floor Panel System, the panels are made of a tough sandpaper-like material %-in. thick (see photo) which is fused to a tempered wood base. The maker says the synthetic composition is tougher than concrete, both for shock resistance and wearability.

The panels are placed over old flooring and fastened in place, then fused together to make a barely noticeable seam. (See illustration.) Entire job is about half the cost of a new wood floor. Standard panels are 4 ft wide, weigh about 2 lb per sq ft.

#### Oil, grease and acids

will not damage the floor, says the manufacturer. In addition, it is non-slip and strong enough to withstand any load carried by a fork lift truck—as long as the base will support such loading. The panels take the punishment while the floor boards support the load.

The floor panels are said to be ideal for reefer use as they are water-proof, brine-proof and blood-proof.

#### For new trailer flooring.

by using the prefab panels, cost and weight are both reduced. Lumber need not be tongue and groove or shiplap but only strong enough to support proper loading between the cross sills. "Poly Rock" panels are then installed giving a tough, lightweight floor. Should the need occur, individual panels can be replaced section by section.



# "Paper Bag" Tarpaulin Cuts Costs, Speeds Loading

H USSMANN REFRIGERATION, INC., the nation's largest manufacturer of food store refrigeration units, has switched to paper tarpaulins on its custom-designed trailers. The paper specialty covers are disposable which saves unloading time since special handling is eliminated.

### The specialty cover is

made of Scrimtex, a quilon-treated paper reinforced with fiberglass which is made by the Mosinee Paper Mills Co. The cover itself is produced by Bemis Bro. Bag Co. It



weighs 24 lb and measures slightly over 40 ft in length and 15 ft in width. It is specially creased to fold quickly and easily.

Hussman products were initially packed in wooden crates and shipped in a closed van-type trailer. However, due to the size of the refrigeration units, there was a lot of unused space in the trailer.

### To solve the problem,

Hussmann engineers redesigned a flat bed trailer putting special I beams on the sides. The new trailer (there are now 12) has two levels with an open top. This meant a flexible cover to protect the units from abrasion and the weather. Hussman tried canvas covers but found them too costly in view of the short time they were used before being torn.

After testing Bemis' paper tarpaulins and finding them satisfactory, Hussman put them into service. Once the trailer is loaded, the disposable tarp is unfolded over the load, over-lapping the upper level 3 ft on each side. Lath is then placed against the paper and nailed to a board running horizontally the length of the trailer. Webbed belts are placed over the load and anchored to the side frame. A canvas curtain on the side frame is then lowered. The entire operation takes less than an hour.

At destination, removing the tarpaulin is no problem. The refrigeration units are unloaded in about half the time using skids carried under the trailer floor. Hussmann says many customers save the paper tarps to protect products they are forced to store outdoors.



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### Pa. Turnpike Honors 25 Millionth Trucker

LEON W. JONES, a tractor-trailer driver for Motor Cargo, Inc., Akron, Ohio, was honored recently as being the 25 millionth trucker to use the Pennsylvania Turnpike since its opening some 18 years ago. He was notified of the honor when he entered the turnpike at the Gateway Interchange Sunday night, Oct. 26, enroute to Philadelphia.

### Actually, he became

the driver of the significant vehicle two days before when he drove the turnpike on another trip to Philadelphia. However, it required two days to process his toll ticket to determine that he was actually the 25 millionth truck driver to use the turnpike.

Jones is a resident of Upland, Chester County, Pa., and a Navy veteran of World War II. He has driven for Motor Cargo since 1948. He recently received a safety citation from the company for eight years of consecutive accident-less driving.



Franklin V. Summers (left), operations director for the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, chats with Gleon W. Jones, driver of 25-millionth truck. With them are Victor Kahley, president of Pennsylvania Motor Truck Assm., and Edward Gogolin, vice president and general manager of the Association.

### At ceremonies held

October 27 at the Harrisburg East Interchange of the turnpike, Commission Operations Director Franklin V. Summers expressed the commission's appreciation to the trucking industry for its contribution to the success of Pennsylvania's Turnpike System. He pointed out that commercial vehicles comprised less than a fifth of total turnpike traffic but paid almost three-fifths of the tolls collected since the turnpike was opened to traffic in October, 1940.

Over the weekend following Thanksgiving Day, Jones and his wife were treated to a two-day all expense paid vacation at Pocono Manor Inn as guests of the Commission and John M. Crandall, general manager of the year-round resort.

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Floyd F. Brown of Milwaukee, Wis., Motor Cargo; Tank Truck—Hayter C. Brown, Jr., of Harrisonburg, Va., Mason & Dixon Lines. At far right, the winning team from Maryland. Maryland Motor Truck Assn. President Frank Luther (center) holds their trophy. Others shown include (from left) William K. Heiser of Davidson Transfer & Storage, Carl Jacobs of National Automotive Mutual Insurance Companies (sponsors of the trophy), Jesse E. Albright and Virgil J. Huff, both of City Express Company.



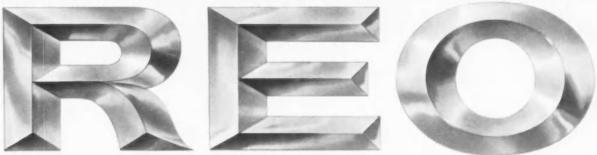








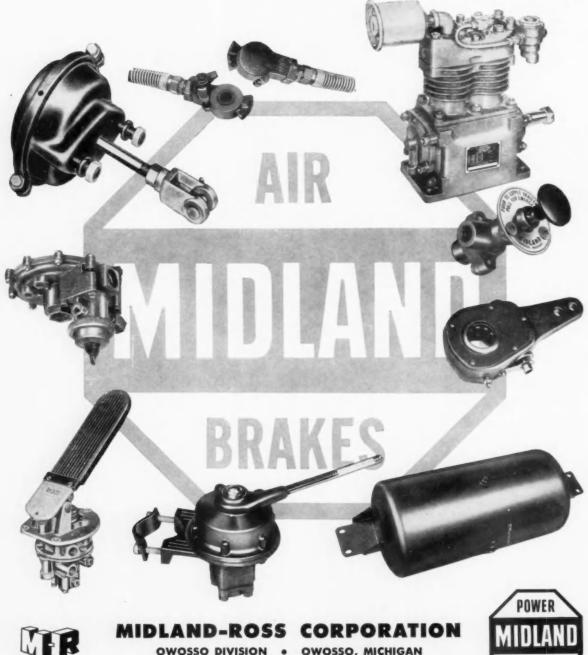




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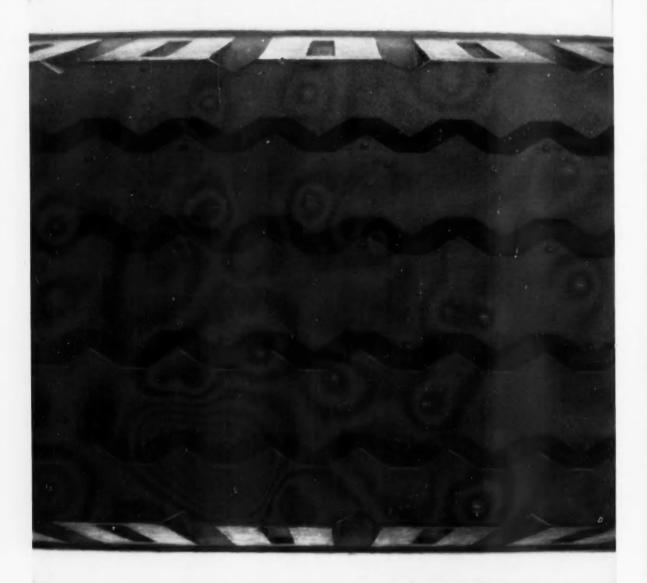
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### White's New 50-in BBC Tractor

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To attain lighter weight, cab is made basically of fibre glass reinforced plastic with some aluminum. Because the plastic can be formed into more intricate shapes, there are fewer cab parts.

White also emphasizes the insu-

lating quality of the fiber glass plastic construction, says the cab is warmer in winter, cooler in summer. There's less cab noise too Plastic and fiber glass construction does not have same vibration characteristics as metal. Plastic body is

not subject to rust, salt or road chemical corrosion, can be repaired quicker and easier than metal. Construction also permits more effective sealing of cab to keep out engine fumes.

Other cab features include electrically - operated two - way driver seat, electrically operated right hand ventipane and window, penciltype power-assist shift stick, wide driver vision through windshield curved around at sides.

Larger radiator provides 1000 sq in. of surface aided by a 24-in. fan. Radiator is mounted above timing gear case to improve cooling through better air intake. Engine air comes through intake located at top of cab.

Front springs are

semi-elliptic—four inches wide and 52½ in. long. Effective length of rear springs is 46 to 60 in. They're three inches wide. Rear springs are variable rate cam type. Rubber insert in spring hangers absorb small shocks to give a better ride. Front springs have threaded spring eyes and shackles. Larger wear area gives better lubrication, longer bearing life. Shock absorbers are heavy duty, direct-acting type.

To check engine oil level, there's an access door in front of



the cab. It permits checking tension and condition of fan belts also.

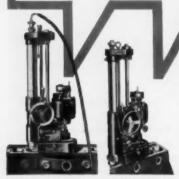


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### White's 50-in. Tractor

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the same key-actuated power tilt as used on White's 3000 Series. Exhaust pipe is in two pieces to permit cab tilt without manually disconnecting pipe. Upper end of this



connection is venturi shaped, draws in cool air to reduce stack temperature.

Parking brake is applied by two large springs housed within special design air cylinders. Brake is released when air pressure is applied

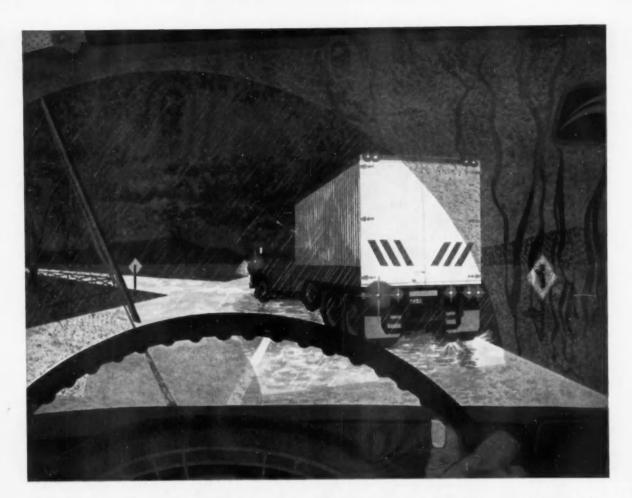


to the cylinders. Control is a finger tip valve in the cab. This brake is a "fail safe" design, automatically applies braking force in event of air pressure failure.

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# Guide's High Visibility Reflectors and Turn Signals mean all-weather safety for your truck fleet!

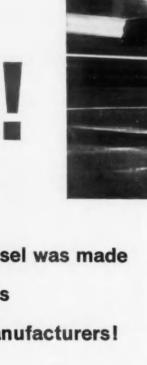


Turn signal set has four lamps, selfcancelling switch...choice of bracket or flush mounting for rear lamps Most often, trucks can't stop for bad weather. They must be on the road in rain, snow and sleet. It is in such weather, when visibility is low, that the danger of rear-end collisions rises sharply. And there's not much that even your best driver can do to avoid this hazard, if his truck is not clearly visible from the rear. Guide's high-visibility reflectors and turn signals can help prevent needless and costly delays. Because of their dependability and uniformly high quality, Guide reflectors and signals are specified as standard equipment by many leading vehicle manufacturers. Available at United Motors Service outlets and most truck dealers.

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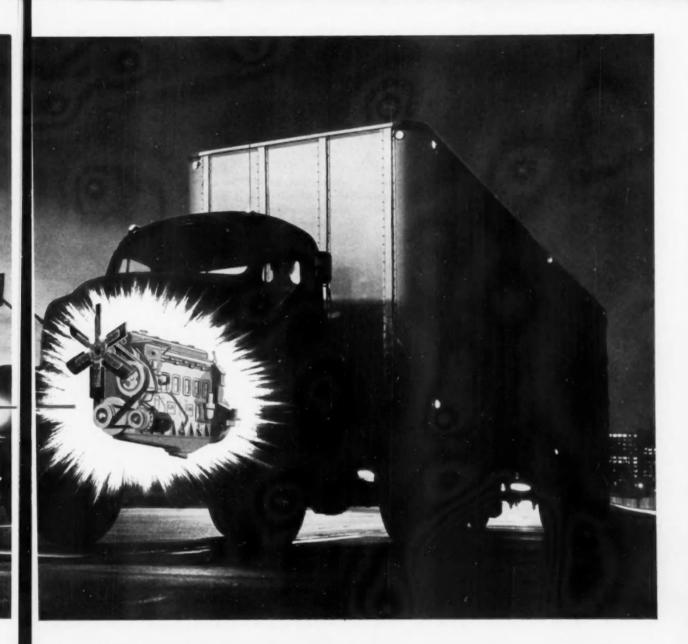
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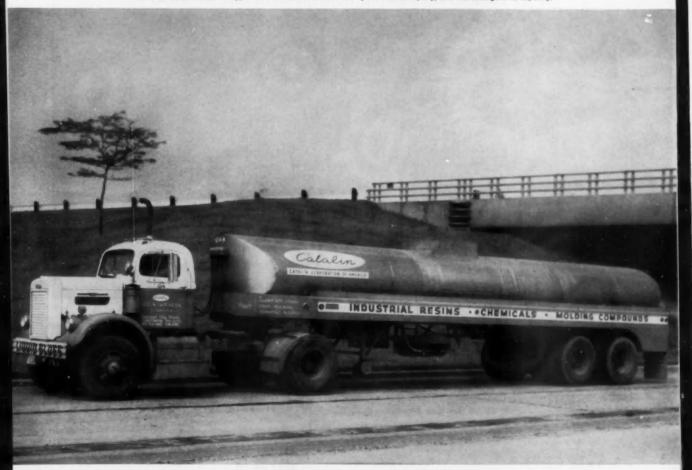
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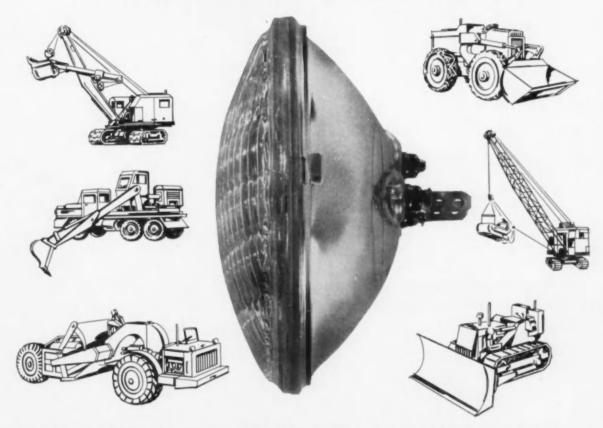
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F4162	4	162	58.0 @ 3200 RPM	R6602
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F6209	6	209	90.0 @ 3500 RPM	S6820
F6226	6	226	98.8 @ 3500 RPM	V8603
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M6271	6	271	96.5 @ 3000 RPM	CUSHI
M6290	6	290	108.0 @ 3000 RPM	
M6330	6	330	125.0 @ 3000 RPM	Medel
M6363	6	363	146.0 @ 3000 RPM	TD6427
B6371	6	371	123.5 @ 3000 RPM	RD6572
B6427	6	427		VD8603
F06226	6	226	126.2 @ 3400 RPM	SD6802
K6271	6	271	114.5 @ 3200 RPM	
K6290	6	290	123.0 @ 3200 RPM	

Medel	Cyl.	Displ.	Bare Engine H.P.
K6330	6	330	147.0 @ 3200 RPM
K6363	6	363	162.0 @ 3200 RPM
T6371	6	371	143.8 @ 3000 RPM
T6427	6	427	170.0 @ 3000 RPM
U6501	6	501	186.0 @ 2600 RPM
R6513	6	513	192.2 @ 2800 RPM
R6572	6	572	220.0 @ 2800 RPM
R6602	6	602	232.0 @ 2800 RPM
S6749	6	749	250.0 @ 2800 RPM
S6820	6	820	300.0 @ 2800 RPM
V8603	8	603	260.0 @ 3200 RPM

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Medel	Cyl.	Displ.	Bare Engine H.P.	
TD6427	6	427	146.5 @ 2600 RPM	
RD6572	6	572	172.0 @ 2400 RPM	
VD8603	8	603	200.0 @ 2800 RPM	
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### Floating Shoe Brake

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"After investigation, it was determined that a right angle actuation . . . would be best suited for this 15-in. brake. . . . A wedge device fitted with anti-friction rollers appeared to be the best means for spreading the shoes.

"The abutment load had to be removed from the actuation means. Therefore the brake was designed with an integral spider which takes the abutment load and . . . houses and supports the actuating means.

### "The brake can be

actuated either by air or hydraulic means. The hydraulic actuation is somewhat different than that presently used. . . . The hydraulic cylinders have been moved outside the brake, . . . eliminating the susceptibility of the brake fluid to boil. . . . The actuation means have been brought closer to the actual brake mounting to reduce space required for mounting the brake.

"We first ran a general performance test. These tests proved that the brake was higher in performance than any comparable brake we had used in the past. We then ran heat fade tests...that showed a far better resistance to fade than was formerly achieved.

### "A program of mountain

testing was undertaken. . . . Here it was again determined that the brake outperformed its predecessors to a degree that shows there is still some reserve to be used as vehicle performance is increased.

"We have shown an increase in brake performance, an increase in resistance to fade and an increase in wear life. It has also been possible to reduce the weight of the brake and fit it into spaces smaller than formerly used. It has also been found possible to operate this brake with far less volume of air than required for the former design."

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#### **Liquid-Cooled Disc Brake**

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axle load. A retarder valve can be incorporated as part of the brake system. It is put in operation using a cab-mounted selector valve.

Other advantages cited by Wagner included . . .

 Continuous stops without brake fade.

- Uniform loading on lining surface.
- Lining area can be increased by adding more friction surfaces.
- · Less down-shifting when running down hill.
- Same stopping ability with friction surfaces wet as when dry.

Wagner has been working on the new brake system for three years—including extensive road tests at its Jennerstown, Pa., research and development station. One test checked brake fade on a 60,000-lb GCW tractor-trailer combination.

This test, says Wagner,

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was made according to the procedure proposed by Society of Automotive Engineers last January. This calls for 20 successive brake snubbing applications between 40 to 20 mph at 10 feet-per-second-persecond deceleration.

Wagner reports the temperature of the disc brakes leveled off after the fourth application, remained constant for the balance of the 16 snubs. Recovery time required was practically nil since brake temperature dropped to that of the coolant almost as soon as the braking force was released. Further, brake line pressure demand remained constant throughout the test.

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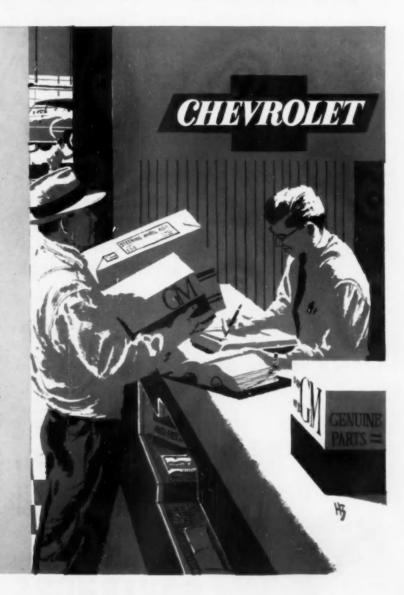
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find him if you look. Then, tell him what you expect of him, give him the authority to get the job done, and hold him responsible for the results.

#### But, don't stop there.

See that each man continues to improve himself by increasing his knowledge not only of his particular job but of other jobs. Do this by on-the-job training, through the medium of schools: by visits to plants of equipment manufacturers, and by visits to transit systems in other cities. We are never so old or so wise that we cannot learn know-how from others. This training should also include training courses in public and labor rela-

Establish apprenticeship courses for new employees. In every transit organization I know top management complains about the calibre of many of the new men we are attracting. The increasing complexity of the equipment we are maintaining makes staff training more important than ever. The good maintenance man knows or finds out about all the training aids and facilities that are available and makes use of them.

In addition to having the right men to do the job today-you must plan on having the men who will be needed tomorrow. In theory at least, the organizations we work for will go on long after we are gone. Planning and training for replacements, especially for his key supervision, is the direct obligation of every maintenance man.

#### Third: You must plan your

maintenance program to furnish the vehicles needed for service every day at lowest costs, with a minimum of spares and produced by a smooth flow of work. This program must be solidly based on the characteristics of the equipment, on transportation requirements both peak and off-peak, on soundly established standards of maintenance, and on available physical plant and facilities.

But, having established a plan and a program, you can't sit back and just let it roll on forever. Every maintenance operation should be studied periodically to take advantage of technological advances and to produce the same or better results by new methods and procedures. The process that can't be improved hasn't been developed yet-and never will be, as long as men have ingenuity and apply themselves to finding better ways to do a job.

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the operating department is a must in scheduling work, especially inspections, for the times when the peak load service is not required. Similarly, your manpower must be so scheduled that there is no time when your men do not have work for them to do. This may sound elementary, but unless watched, changing transportation requirements may result in men waiting around for work.



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One of the most important functions of your department is the judicious use of materials. That phase of your work brings together your department and the purchases and stores department. Good judgment in determining when to use new materials and when to repair old parts, and careful control of salvage materials is essential in keeping costs down. You must also work with your purchasing agent to make sure that new materials that get on the market are tested and put to use if they will improve your maintenance.

Another important phase

of your work is developing adequate and accurate records to obtain useful and correct information on maintenance costs, productivity of labor and performance of equipment and component parts. Such records are essential in developing manpower requirements, material requirements, production standards and determining the economical life of the equipment. Usually these records are furnished by budgeting and accounting departments, but if they are not available you should have enough interest in your jobs to work up and maintain the records yourself. The records will indicate to you and to top management whether you are producing the desired results.

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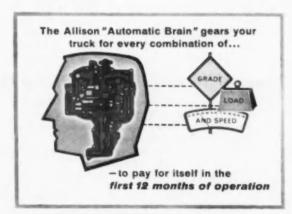
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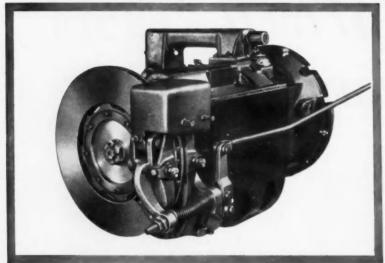
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hicle at the lowest possible cost. The vehicle must be designed with the thought of easy maintenance, and each component part must be engineered and located to require the least effort in time and labor to replace or repair.

#### Top management expects

maintenance men to spend some time riding the vehicles which it is their responsibility to maintain. Many problems of maintenance have been and can be solved by periodic riding of vehicles and thus getting first hand knowledge of their performance on the line.

One essential characteristic of a good supervisor in maintenance as well as everywhere else is his ability to handle the employees under his supervision. It is not enough to know how the work must be done. The good supervisor also knows how to get the men under him to do it economically and efficiently. There are, unfortunately, some who are prone to indulge in sharp practices in dealing with subordinates. But I say to you that dealing with men fairly and squarely will get the job done willingly by those under you. Now I don't mean that the men should run you, for strict discipline must be maintained if you are to get desired results.

#### That's quite a list

of the things that top management expects from the maintenance man. Of course, as some of the other speakers will tell you this is not altogether a one-way proposition.

Top management has its duties and obligations too. It must consult with and keep maintenance men informed about its policies and the reasons it sets them. Top management must set the pattern for the entire organization, and do business in such a way that what it expects from the maintenance man will come easily and naturally.

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impossible not to take into consideration the problem of the other departments and to give them the sympathetic attention they might not otherwise get. Likewise, it is virtually impossible for the maintenance man to fail to derive helpful suggestions from the other de-

partments. In fact, I charge him with the responsibility of stimulating and provoking new ideas.

#### Top management has

a right to expect that maintenance activities, as important as they are, will be carried on without the maintenance man becoming so wrapped up in his own problems and prerogatives that the mistaken notion strikes him that the company as a whole is operating for the benefit of the Mechanical Dept.

Where in the entire management staff does practical imagination have a more fertile field than in the Mechanical Dept.? Such imagination manifests itself in many ways. The organization of the maintenance staff, the selection of maintenance materials, the arrangement of the maintenance facilities, and the determining of procedures all demand practical imagination. Nor is it sufficient to merely set up and carry on mechanical department functions in this manner. True imagination calls for constant experiment and reappraisal for maximum efficiency, economy, safety, and teamwork.

#### Imaginative leadership

by mechanical men is felt throughout the department. Experience has shown that many excellent suggestions toward the improvement of maintenance in some form or other have come from lower echelon personnel so inspired.

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#### I am convinced from

our experience that stimulation of ideas for the maintenance man can well come from outside the transit industry. Certainly the maintenance man who does not take the opportunity to keep up with mechanical and automotive design in general, as well as the sales appeal so thoroughly developed by the aircraft industry and others, is missing the opportunity to tickle his (TURN TO PAGE 146, PLEASE)

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imagination for the benefit of management as a whole.

New ideas are fine if somebody does something about them, but how many times have we all heard good ideas expressed and wondered later whatever happened to them. Perhaps no one ever started to do anything about them, or if they did, perhaps they were allowed to stagnate for the want of aggressive interest and follow through.

#### Projects which are

carried out by the maintenance man are usually those which involve operational savings to the company or glamorizing of the equipment for better public acceptance. No matter what the purpose, if an idea is worth pursuing, it is certainly worth completing.

Maintenance men, among others, would do well to review abandoned projects, particularly those set aside as impractical under the original circumstances. New personnel and fresh thinking above and below the maintenance man, changes in available equipment. varying characteristics of the service, and new personnel on regulatory bodies can well turn the rejected ideas of yesterday into money-making realities of today.

#### Coming back to my

point of following through, you can readily see what a help it is to top management to receive completed staff work. Reports without specific recommendations, the failure to conclude an assignment with a positive "yes" or "no" answer merely creates unnecessary work at the top management level and may result in other than the best course of action.

My point is that top management has the right to assume that the maintenance man will be alert to opportunity, progressive in his thinking and definite in his final recommendations.

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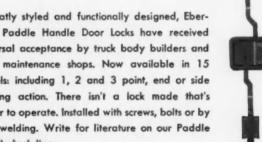
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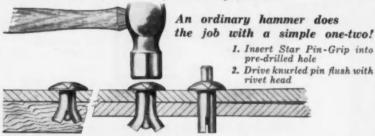




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Just as he never gets all the riders back after a strike, I never can get the buses back in the same or better shape than they were before the boss went on strike and shut down the shop.

Boy, do I boil

sometimes when out of the blue I get an order to put certain buses on a certain route, to meet a certain schedule, or something—without the courtesy of an explanation why. If I had been asked, I could have told them that that vehicle wouldn't do or, if they insisted—"What price glory?"

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Another thing, I wish

the old man would call me in and let me in at the start on some of these changes—yes, on proposed changes, before he gets in too deep.

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Maybe I'm not up on all the financial quirks and legal angles, but I do keep abreast of what is being built and on what may be available when the boss is ready to buy. I have friends on other properties, who will tell me the truth about their equipment troubles.

Usually I'm called in and told we're going to buy buses or sometimes that an order has been given for buses—and to get set. I wish the old man had to talk to these bus peddlers, seat specialists, etc., and try to talk them into supplying something better, or in addition to the junk that comes standard on that particular make of vehicle after they are sure of the order. The daggone bus wouldn't have cost him a cent more if he had called me in at the beginning and let me

specify items that in the long run will save a lot of maintenance and service headaches.

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the boss will pay some guy or dame —I don't know how much—to select colors to paint the bus or to pretty it up inside with pastel colors—and then take a shine to some color I'm going to have a "helluva" time matching in when I have to replace a panel and which will chalk out in the weather. Maybe I'm not an artist, but I've learned the hard way about paints and upholstery and what it costs to repaint, repair, and how often. What good is all my experience if top-side doesn't let me use it?

Sure, he's the boss, but gosh wouldn't it be nice if just once he asked me—"What do you think about this, Mike?" Hell, I'm on the team and I want to see the team win, but I don't like to be shoved off the end of the bench all the time, just because I'm a 60 minute guard with my pants all dirty and my shirt torn, and not a flashy triple threat fullback, who is in and out of the game a couple of times a quarter.

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maintenance department always has been considered a non-revenue-producing department, an expense group, is no reason why we shouldn't share in the conferences on management and operating problems. If the problems were shared with us, maybe we could show topside how to cut expenses in the shops by eliminating wasteful practices on the road—and help the schedule and operating departments get more out of less equipment.

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Reo truck model folder shows the entire Reo line. Included in the 28-page color folder are six-wheelers and tilt-cabs as well as conventional gasoline, LP Gas and diesel models. Free copies are available from Reo truck distributors or by writing Reo Div., White Motor Co., Lansing, Mich.

Quick-reference fuel pump catalog covers the Capac line of fuel pumps, parts and repair kits. Reference chart makes model identification quick and easy. Write the Wells Mfg. Corp., Fond du Lac, Wis., for a free copy.

Brake specification catalog from Raybestos Div., Raybestos - Manhattan, Inc., P. O. Box 1021, Bridgeport 2, Conn., has passenger car, light and medium truck specs for brake lining and lined brake shoe sets. See your Raybestos jobber or write the company for details.



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HERE is an up-to-date calendar of fleet training courses for 1959. For complete addresses to write to for further information concerning the courses listed, see the Fleet Course Directory beginning on page 118 of the November issue.

#### **Driver Trainer**

Pennsylvania State University— Sept. 28-Oct. 2.

#### Fleet Maintenance

University of California — March 11-13 (Los Angeles), 18-20 (Berkeley). (Both are conferences.)

University of Washington—March 23-25 (Conference).

Pennsylvania State University—Apr. 27-May 1.

#### Fleet Operation

Fleet Operation courses usually meet one night a week for 10 or 12 weeks. Starting date, where known, is indicated below. City shown in parentheses is where course will be held.

Syracuse University (Syracuse, N. Y.) — Feb. 11.

Northwestern University (Evanston, Ill.)—Feb. 23.

West Virginia State College (Institute, W. Va.)—February.

#### Fleet Supervisor

University of Alabama—Jan. 19-23. University of Utah—Feb. 9-13.

University of California (Los Angeles)—March 9-10 (Berkeley)—March 16-17. (Both are Conferences.)

University of Oklahoma—March 23-27.

University of Washington - Apr. 6-10.

Northwestern University—June 22-26.

#### Top Management Conference

Pennsylvania State University— May 7-8.

#### **Terminal Management**

University of Oklahoma—January. Pennsylvania State University— Oct. 5-9.

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#### **Evening Courses**

The following evening courses are offered by Northeastern University, Boston, Mass. Most of them meet one night a week. Dates show beginning and end of course.

Transportation Practices—Jan. 27-May 19.

Current Transportation Problems —Jan. 26-May 18.

Motor Carrier Operations—Jan. 27-May 19.

Terminal Operations—Jan. 29-May 21.

Traffic Management—Jan. 27-May 19.

Freight Claims for Loss and Damage—Jan. 29-May 21.





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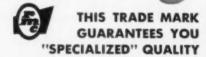
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Gateway Transportation, LaCrosse, Wis., is adding 50 new Highway trailers to its over-the-road fleet. The order includes 40 Highway Clippers, 40 ft long, with aluminum panels and adjustable tandems, and 10 Highway Econovans, 35 ft long, with open tops and adjustable tandems.

Indianapolis (Ind.) Water Co. is placing in service two new specially-designed water line maintenance trucks. Chassis are 2½ ton Dodges equipped with special bodies from Reading Body Works. Special equipment includes telescoping roofs, builtin generator for night operation, high-capacity pump, and a heavy-duty air compressor for operating jack hammers.

Hoover Motor Express, Nashville, Tenn., has recently purchased 130 new road tractors. All are 9000 Series Whites. The new equipment represents a two million dollar investment.

Yellow Transit Freight Lines, Kansas City, Mo., has added 15 Kenworth cab-beside-engine tractors to its fleet of 302 similar units. The new rigs are powered by the Cummins JT-6-B.

Associated Transport recently placed in service 12 Mack COE diesels. The new tractors are head-quartered at the Burlington, N. C., terminal. The units are Mack's Model No. H67T with sleeper cab.

Greyhound Rent-A-Car, Inc., has bought 8000 new 1959 automobiles. They will be used in 100 rental stations operated by Greyhound in 32 major cities. Purchase of the new cars is the company's first step in a new major expansion program.

#### Classified Advertisement

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# **PRODUCTS**

DESCRIBING RECENTLY ANNOUNCED PRODUCTS AND EQUIPMENT OF INTEREST TO MEN CONCERNED WITH TRUCK, BUS AND CONSTRUCTION FLEET MANAGEMENT



#### Tandem Axle V-Belt Drive

The Dayton Rubber Co. 2842 Riverview Ave., Dayton, Ohio the of tope

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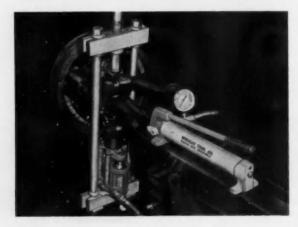
is for use on pusher or trailing tandem axle suspensions. Named the Dayton Thoro-trac, the new drive is said to improve traction, increase tire mileage and give better braking. It requires almost no maintenance. The drive can be mounted on most units without modification. A flexible de-icer band on the inside of each pulley prevents ice and slush from forming in the groove.



#### **Laminated Douglas Fir Trailer Floors**

from Oregon Laminated Lumber Co. 2500 S. E. Harold St., Portland 2, Ore.

are manufactured for truck and trailer use under the trade name of "Lam-Dek." Decking is made of laminated Douglas fir, vertical grain, and comes in standard panels of 30 to 34 in. widths and lengths from 10 to 20 ft. Thicknesses are 1 1/16 in. to 1% in. Sections are tongue and grooved for specified width and may be rabbeted if desired. A Penta-treatment process treats the wood to resist moisture absorption. Decks will not warp or cup, says the maker. The six sections were installed in the 35 ft flat-bed trailer shown in the photograph in less than three hours by the Douglas Hood Co., Portland, Ore.



#### **Hydraulic King Pin Remover**

from Wright Tool Co.
4320 N. Woodward Ave., Royal Oak, Mich.

is designed especially for heavy-duty trucks, buses and off-highway equipment. With a 30 ton rating, it is said to remove tapered or straight king pins quickly. Hydraulic ram has 2½-in. travel, is powered by a 1,000 psi hydraulic pump with built-in overload valve and safety gage. Brake drum need not be removed (see photo). Hydraulic ram and pump are detachable and can be used as a portable power unit in the shop.

#### Truck Tire Remover

from Speedway Machine and Tool Co. 1802 N. Luett St., Indianapolis 22, Ind.

separates tire and rim in as little as 59 seconds. Called the Speedee Truck Tire Remover, it handles any type of tire—tube or tubeless—in sizes from 15 to 22 in. It operates on a closed pneumatic system using compressed air over oil to bring the shovels down on the bead with an even all-around pressure. The unit eliminates damage to tires and rims caused by beating, and gives maximum safety to personnel, says the maker. It is available on a buy-or-lease basis.



from Barber-Colman Co. Dept. 8H, Rockford, Ill.

are made for all types of units from light delivery trucks to over-the-road trailers. Models are also made for straight-body trucks with two doors to a side for bottler service (as illustrated). Main features of the overhead doors are said to be high strength, low cost and minimum maintenance. Truck can be parked against loading docks before doors are opened. Pallet loading is made easier. The overhead doors have ball-bearing rollers, heavy-gage steel track, torsion spring counterbalance and weather-proof joints between door sections.



from Schroeder Brothers Corp. McKees Rocks, Pa.

connects into any hydraulic power system to measure fluid flow, pressure and temperature in the circuit. It indicates faulty pumps, valves or other components which can cause power dropoff. The PT-100B Portable Tester weighs 19 lb and is made in three models with different pressure and flow capacities. The unit can also be used for trouble-shooting torque converters.

#### Shop and Parking Area Sweeper

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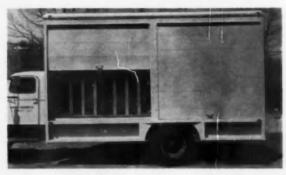
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from Patch and Kase Corp. 159 S. Irwindale Ave., Azusa, Cal.

sweeps and picks up all objects from nuts and bolts to coke bottles and 2 x 4's. Named the Task Master Industrial Power Sweeper, it is powered by a 2-cyl aircooled engine and operates at speeds from ½ to 15 mph. Standard features include stabilized floating main and side brooms which adjust automatically to sweep irregular surfaces, power steering, and automotive type controls. Automatic clutch maintains proper broom and travel speed relationship. Oversized vacuum system has extra volume and capacity to handle vacuum attachments for cleaning shelves and bins. Rear wheel drive and steering assembly gives the Task Master a 5½ ft turning radius.

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#### **New Product Descriptions**

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#### Boring Bar

from Lucker Mfg. Co. 331 N. 4th St., Philadelphia 6, Pa.

is designed for repairing distorted anchor and cam pin holes on brakes. After removing vehicle's rear wheels the Model No. D-500 boring bar is clamped over the load tube. Holes are then bored to permit insertion of oversize bushings. With the bushings, brake alignment may be brought back to factory specifications. Used with the company's Model No. D-600 king pin adapter, the borer may also be used to rebore king pin holes in the front steering spindle.



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#### Frame Lift

from Autoquip Corp.
1140 S. Washtenaw, Chicago, Ill.
has four telescoping supporting members which readily adjust to various sizes of passenger cars. Called the Space-Miser, the lift is said to use 50



per cent less space than conventional models while providing greater strength and safety. Other features include a dial system for adjusting the lift to fit the car.

#### **All Purpose Tire**

from Seiberling Rubber Co. Akron 9, Ohio

is an adaptation of the company's "Commutor" snow and mud passenger car tire for use on light trucks and buses. It features slotted ribs and deep shoulder lugs on a wide, flat tread. Tread is designed for self-cleaning to prevent mud and snow from packing between shoulder lugs. Tire is offered in three sizes: 7.50-20, 8.25-20, and 9.00-20.

#### **Power Unit**

from Welding Products Div.

A. O. Smith Corp., Milwaukee, Wis.
is a 180-amp machine which plugs
into a 220-volt outlet for a variety
of welding uses, or for charging 6- or
12-volt batteries. Designed to accommodate AC electrodes from 1/16
through 5/32 in., it has two welding
ranges: one for deep penetration, the
other for a smooth surface weld. The



battery charges features silicon rectifiers. The machine is available as a welding model only. A battery charger kit may then be installed at a later date, if desired. Dim

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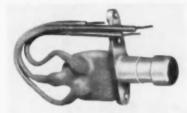
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from Cole-Hersee Co. 20 Old Colony Ave. Boston 27, Mass.

is a die cast unit with plastic coated body and wire leads to protect against moisture, dirt, chemicals and road



splash. The switch mechanism is of the heavy-duty oscillating type. It has positive snap action contacts which provide quick contact "break" to reduce arcing. The switch is identified as Model No. 7700.

#### Air Filter Signal

from Bacharach Industrial Instrument Co. 200 N. Braddock Ave. Pittsburgh 8, Pa.

warns when dirt has clogged a wet or dry air filter to the extent that insufficient air is passing through. The signal is equipped with lugs for easy



mounting at the filter or on the dashboard. As dirt accumulates in the filter, a bright red warning signal rises gradually in the indicator's viewing window. When the filter has been serviced, the signal may be returned to its low position by depressing the reset button.

#### **Rubber Lubricant**

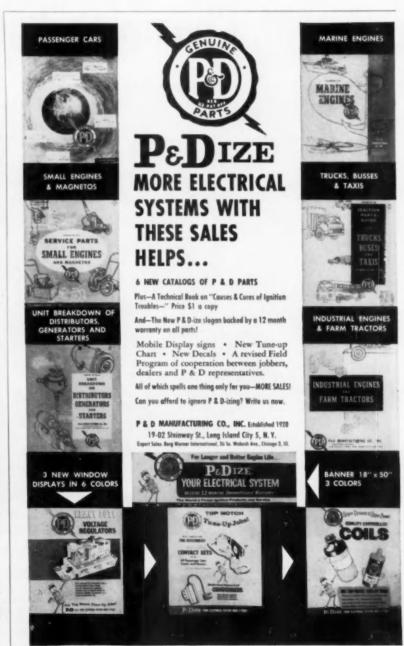
from American Grease Stick Co. Muskegon, Mich.

is an improved version of the company's "RuGlyde" lubricant. The clear liquid is said to be non-staining. (TURN TO PAGE 162, PLEASE)

#### 1958 Domestic Truck Factory Sales by G.V.W.

Month	6,000 lb. and less	6,001- 10,000 lb.	10,001- 14,000 lb.	14,001- 16,000 lb.	16,001- 19,500 lb.	19,501- 26,000 lb.	26,001- 33,000 lb.	Over 33,000 lb.	Total
January February March April	32,143	10,187	1,075	5,454	6,991	3,640	2,482	2,048	54,020
	26,460	8,302	983	5,167	5,303	3,545	2,460	1,768	53,988
	27,929	8,450	963	5,581	5,431	4,006	2,929	2,349	57,637
	25,822	8,866	1,041	5,896	5,933	3,918	2,169	2,397	56,042
May June July August September	26,329	9,152	1,071	5,985	7,061	4,182	2,236	2,503	58,500
	25,241	9,120	1,236	5,976	6,275	3,674	2,028	2,469	56,019
	24,237	7,668	788	5,039	5,393	3,211	1,911	2,207	50,454
	21,768	7,374	752	4,024	5,619	3,637	2,016	1,840	47,030
	14,377	5,329	633	2,960	3,484	2,913	2,383	2,153	34,232
Total-9 Mos. 1958	224,306	74,448	8,542	46,082	51,480	32,725	20,614	19.734	477,931
Total-9 Mos. 1957	332,432	100,290	23,001	87,044	30,593	33,936	26,064	24,327	666,707

Source: Automobile Manufacturers Association.



# Here's how you can cut your fleet-maintenance costs with Champion know how



Champion representative demonstrates how new "Plug-Mate" socket holds spark plug in a firm, magnetic grip — for faster, easier plug changing (see Service Tips)

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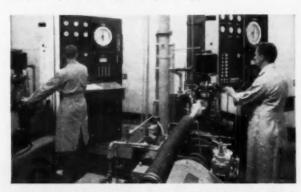
CHAMPION SPARK PLUG

COMMERCIAL CAR JOURNAL, December, 1958



#### SERVICE AIDS

Champion-engineered service aids, like the "PLUG-MASTER" wrench shown above, speed up spark plug service and cut down maintenance costs. The "PLUG-MASTER" gets at hard-to-reach spark plugs easier, quicker — reduces time and labor costs for plug changing. See your regular Champion supplier.



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SPARK PLUGS



#### **New Products**

Continued from Page 159

It may be used for mounting and demounting tires, as an anti-squeak treatment on bushings and other rubber fittings, and as a rubber cleaner.

#### **Bulk Loader**

from Cook Bros. Equipment Co. 3334 San Fernando Rd. Los Angeles 65, Cal.

has a load capacity of 3 cu yd or 1500 lb. It may be mounted on any metal or wood truck body. The loaders will

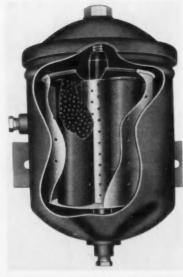


deposit the load at any point in the body for proper weight distribution. Called the "LoadEvator," it will handle a variety of bulk materials.

#### Oil Purifier

from Canadian and General
Development Corp.
261 Madison Ave.
New York 16, N. Y.

is claimed to retard formation of corrosive acids, varnishes and sludge in



lubricating oils. Called the Pos-Met pH unit, it is fitted into the oil line.

Oil flows through the unit, passing over pellets of sodium-lead alloy and calcium. These alkaline or "positive" metals act to reduce acid. The unit is manufactured under license from the Canadian government and is an application of a principle discovered by Canada's National Research Council.

#### **Universal Frame Lift**

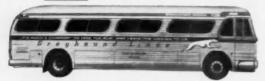
from Curtis Mfg. Co.
1905 Kienlen Ave., St. Louis 20, Mo.
has a 36-in. wide superstructure and
an overall height of less than five
inches with the lifting pads in low position. The lift is equipped with
swivel adapters which reach lifting
areas designated by the car's manu-



facturer. The lifting pads provide three different heights for proper clearance: "low" for most passenger cars; "intermediate" for cars with unitized bodies; and "high" for light trucks and older model passenger cars.

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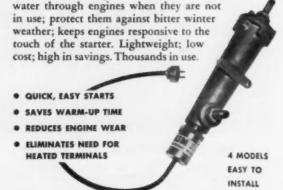


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#### **New Products**

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#### "Dick Tracy" Radio

from Motorola, Inc.
Communications and Electronics Div.
4501 W. August Blvd.,
Chicago 51, Ill.

is a pocket sized receiver and transmitter which can be incorporated in existing systems in the 25-54 and 144-174 mc bands to link a man on foot with the system. The units are known as the "Handie Talkie" receivers and transmitters. They use mercury or nickel-cadmium batteries, are light in weight, compactly designed. Test units have operated successfully within a 10-mile range in a city.

#### **Belt Tension Gage**

from Burroughs Tool &
Equipment Corp.
P. O. Box 207, Kalamazoo, Mich.
has a dial gage which shows the
V-belt tension in pounds strand ten-



sion. Knowing the recommended belt tension, the mechanic can set the belt to the proper tension by direct gage readings. The belt may be gripped from either top or bottom.

#### **Coolant Additive**

from Grace Products, Inc. 6 Braeburn Rd., Havertown, Pa. is called "5 in 1", and is said to lubricate the water pump, inhibit rust, seal the radiator and the block, and prevent head gasket seepage. The product combines non-abrasive particles with soluble oil. Circulated through the system in the coolant, the oil and particles each perform separate functions.

#### 1958 Truck Trailer Shipments

Type of Trailer	September	Nine Months
/ans		
Insulated and refrigerated	317	2,541
Steel	19	271
Aluminum	298	2,270
Semi-insulated	38	407
Steel	38	407
Furniture		1,179
Steel	2.7	
Aluminum	83	1,179
All other closed-top	1,812	11,970
Steel	533	3,955
Aluminum	1,279	8,015 1,522
Open-top	231 103	775
Steel		1.522
Aluminum	140	1,054
Total-Vans	2,481	17,619
Tanks		
Non- and low pressure		
Petroleum		
Carbon and alloy steel	205	1,661
Stainless steel	23	160
Aluminum	148	1,030
Total-Petroleum	376	2,851
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Chemical, food, fluid solids. All other, incl. aircraft	19	447
refuelers	. 54	352
High pressure (LPG),		
chemicals, etc.	. 35	233
Total—Tanks	484	3,883
Pole, pipe and logging		
Single axle	. 33	252
Tandem axle	. 66	418
Total	99	670
		4.4
Platforms	90	4 000
Racks, livestock and stake		1,007 733
Grain bodies, all types		4.431
Platforms (flats), all types	. 649	4,431
Total-Platforms	. 844	6,261
Low-bod heavy haulers	212	1.833
Dump trailers		1.902
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Total-Complete Trailers	4,442	33,637
Trailer chassis	. 342	2,453
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Source: Industry Division, Bureau of the Census.

#### **Brush Spreader**

from Auto-Test, Inc. 600 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago 5, Ill. is designed for use on all Auto-Lite and Delco-Remy starters. In use, the "Zippo Brush Spreader" is slipped over the armature shaft on the commutator end. The case containing the brushes and springs is then positioned down over the spreader and dropped into place. The brushes are



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#### **Sealed Beam Lamps**

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#### Hydraulic Line Filter

from Schroeder Brothers Corp. McKees Rocks, Pa.

may be installed in the hydraulic line to filter out minute particles. Equipped with a standard replaceable low cost filter element, the un't is available with initial particle selection ratings of from 3 to 40 microns. Manufacturer states the filter will remove dirt particles as small as 0.000118 in. Housing has a flip-top cap for working pressures of up to 250 psi. Two-bolt caps are available for pressures up to 4000 psi. Units of up to 150 gpm capacity are of-



fered. Each housing block has an integral low pressure high volume relief to protect the filter element and reduce the fittings to "In" and "Out" external lines. Maximum temperature rating for most models is 275 deg F.

#### **Giant Stoplights**

from Arrow Safety Device Co. Georgetown 12, Del.

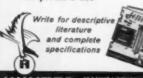
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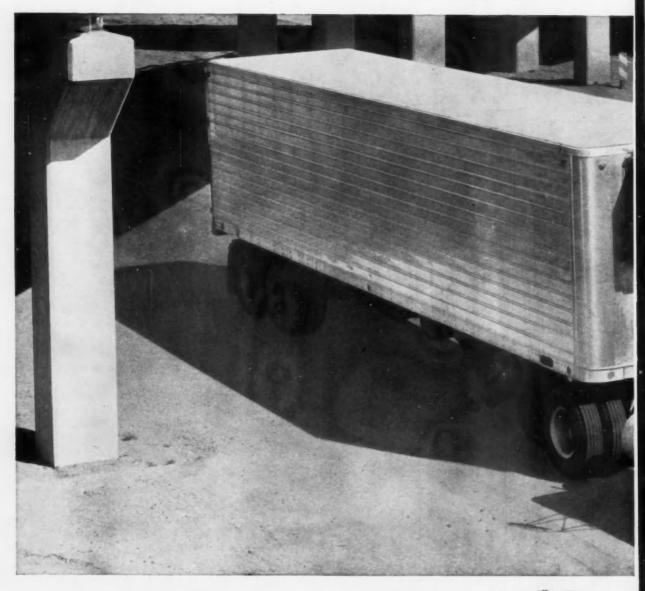
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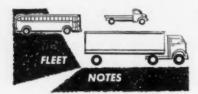
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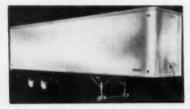
Coast-Lee & Eastes, Inc., Seattle, Wash., has a new Superintendent of Equipment and Maintenance. He is W. W. Churchill, formerly with Western Greyhound Lines before he was retired there.

F. M. Williams, assistant director of safety and driving for Pacific Intermountain Express, has been named Chairman of the Council of Safety Supervisors of the California Trucking Assn.

Federhofer Inc. is the new name of N. W. Federhofer Drayage Inc. The company leases and rents trucks, tractors, trailers and automobiles in the St. Louis, Mo. area. Pittsburgh Group Companies, Columbia Gas System, Pittsburgh, Pa., is using a three-unit Aetna Drivotrainer in refresher courses for its 1100 car and truck operators.

Ward Baking Co. has appointed Gilbert E. Larsen as automotive fleet manager. He succeeds O. E. H. Froelich, retiring after 30 years with Ward.

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Checker Cab Co., Kokomo, Ind., has started transit service with small nine-passenger buses covering four sections of the city. The city lost its regular bus service when Kokomo City Lines went out of business.



Spector—Mid-States Freight System, Chicago, has announced that 78 over-the-road drivers recently completed one million miles without an accident. The drivers are members of a relay team hauling freight between Chicago and the East Coast. A special dinner is planned for January to honor the million-milers and officially make them members of Spector—Mid-States "Million Mile Club" founded in 1956.

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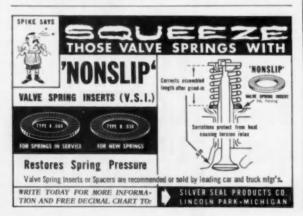
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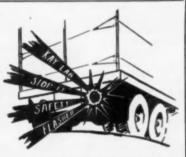
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Devilbiss Co., Toledo, Ohio, is expanding its Cleveland factory branch. Facilities will include complete repair service of the company's spray painting equipment.

Mid-Union Indemnity Co., Elgin, Ill., is staffing a coast-to-coast net of regional service offices located in principal cities. The company specializes in commercial transportation insurance.

Campbell-Hausfield Co., Harrison, Ohio, has appointed Sharpe Mfg. Co., 1224 Wall St., Los Angeles, Cal., as representative for its line of air compressors and paint spray equipment in 16 western states.









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